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Police prepare to prevent repetition of poll tax riot

By BILL FROST

ALMOST 5,000 police will be on duty for today's anti-poll tax march through central London to a rally in Hyde Park. Officers on horseback and in riot gear will be on hand to quell any violence that erupts during the demonstration, which the organisers say is no longer a protest but a victory celebration. The police operation is expected to cost about £700,000.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Tony Speed, of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday that he was confident that there would be no repetition of the damage and looting that accompanied last year's protest against the poll tax. He added: "It's anybody's guess how many people turn up. It could be 50,000. If last year is anything to go by, or between 6,000 and 7,000."

He said that police tactics would be aimed at preventing the escalation of any violence. "Our strategy for dealing with disorder is to isolate and contain the elements responsible, thereby enabling the 95 per cent of peaceful demonstrators to proceed to Hyde Park for the rally. I hope we get a peaceful day, for the sake of all those concerned."

Among those still sought by police after last year's riot is Nicholas Jeffries, an escaped convict aged 29. Officers will be on the look-out for him at today's march. Jeffries was photographed at the centre of the violence. Some of the pictures show him running a riot barrier at the rear windows of a police van. Others show him smashing the window of a British Transport Police car and hurling objects at the driver.

A close watch will also be kept for members of various anarchist and extreme left-wing groups whose banners were seen close to some of the

worst violence and looting. It is thought that a hard core of about 1,500 people transformed the march into a riot.

At the Central Criminal Court a fortnight ago, a judge jailed Paul Jacob for four years, the heaviest sentence imposed so far on a demonstrator, police said. The court was told that Jacob, aged 25, of Reading, had admitted violent disorder and handling five knives and blenders looted from a camping store. Television pictures showed him waving a stick in the midst of a group hurling bricks and other missiles at unprotected police.

The demonstration, organised by the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation on March 31 last year, began in a noisy but peaceful fashion. The violence came as marchers reached the junction of Whitehall and Downing Street, although there had been sporadic incidents earlier.

Nearly 550 police officers were injured, and looters attacked West End shops. More than 400 people were arrested on the day and a further 137 in a follow-up investigation. At least 2,000 crimes were reported. Damage to property was said to have cost about £3 million to repair.

Changes against those arrested included violent disorder, arson, assault, criminal damage, and theft. Police admitted this month that they had lost control during the riot. An internal enquiry concluded that there had been breakdowns in communication and a failure to anticipate the scale of the violence.

During their enquiries officers took 5,000 statements, collected 1,700 exhibits and recovered two fire bombs. A police spokesman said that the devices were "of the type used by urban guerrillas all over the world".



In the frame: a press picture of Lorraine Vivian in the Trafalgar Square riot that helped put her in jail

Girl filmed hitting officer is jailed

Lorraine Vivian, a poll tax protester involved in last year's Trafalgar Square riot, was jailed for 12 months yesterday after her mother had identified her to police.

Vivian's mother, Janet Kelly, and her prison officer stepfather, James Kelly, broke down in tears at Southwark crown court as sentence was passed. Vivian, aged 22, dubbed "Britain's most wanted poll tax rioter" for her attack on a policeman at the riot, bowed her head in tears and whispered "Mum" as she was led from the dock.

Mrs Kelly, aged 43, identified Vivian to police after pictures of her attacking a policeman were published in national newspapers. Vivian, of East Ham, east London, was caught on video and in press and police photographs using a scaffolding pole to strike a policeman. The officer fended off the attack with a riot shield, but was later hit in the face with a brick.

A picture of Vivian, wearing cut-off jeans, lace-up boots and a T-shirt with braces and with a scarf around her face, was published in newspapers in what police described as a hunt for "Britain's most wanted poll tax rioter". After being tipped off, a dozen officers raided a Southwark squat and arrested Vivian for violent disorder, which she admitted in court. When she was arrested, police found

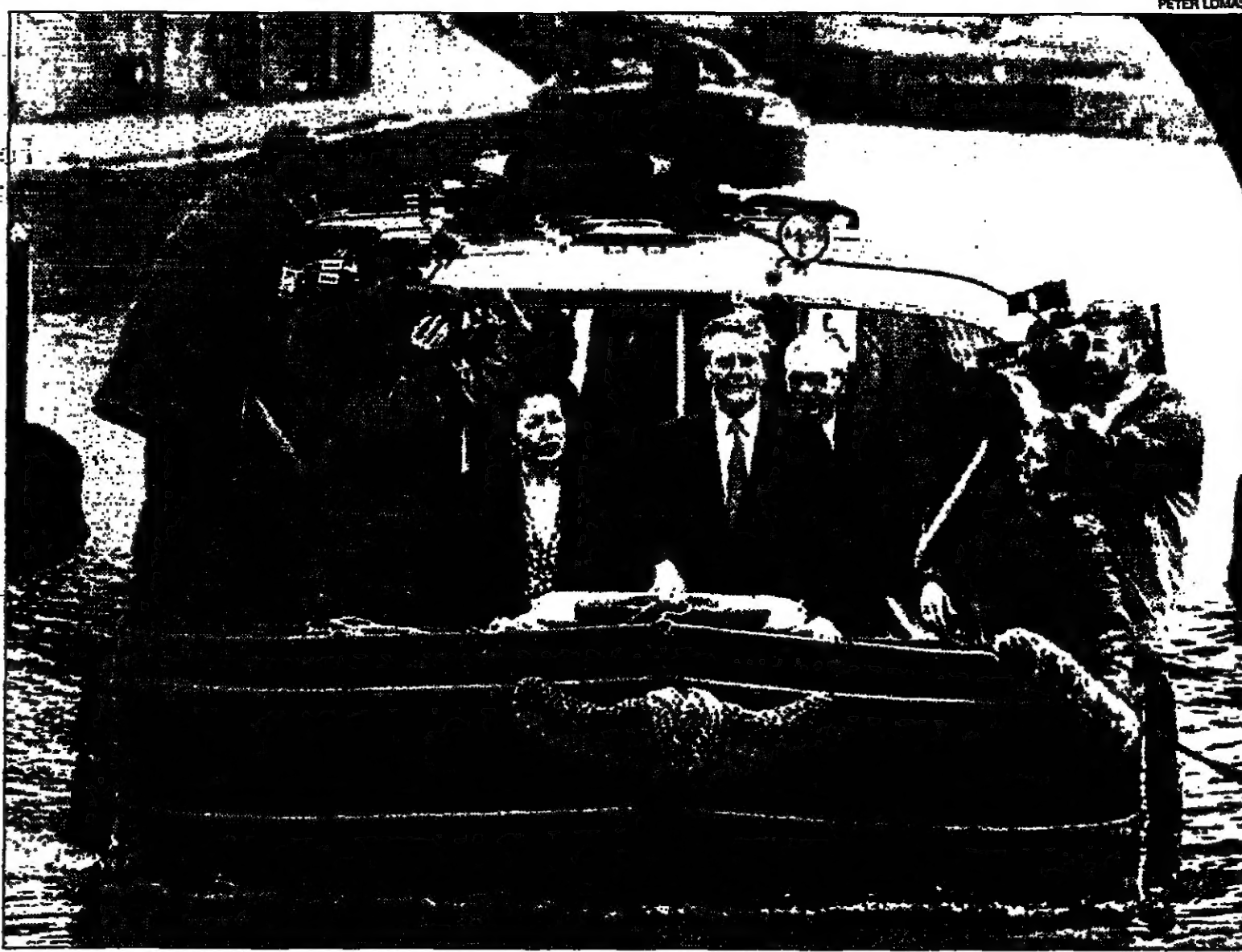
press cuttings featuring her, and 12 pages of notes describing the riot.

Yesterday, the court heard of Vivian's "exemplary" life as a social worker. However, Judge Butler, QC, told her that she had "taken part in what can only be described as large-scale violent disorder of a most serious kind".

The judge said: "I have no doubt you have shown genuine remorse for what you did and I accept that what you did was wholly out of character. You have an exemplary record, but this offence is of such gravity that it can only be dealt with in one way and that is by way of an immediate sentence of imprisonment."

Vivian, wearing a white blouse and a black skirt, appeared shocked at her sentence. Earlier, Adrian Fulford, for Vivian, said that it was a tribute to her that her relations with her mother had not been affected. He said that Mrs Kelly, of Shaftesbury, Isle of Wight, had told police: "The aggressive pose struck by this person was totally unlike anything I have ever seen Lorraine do." Mrs Kelly had said that informing on her daughter was "a dreadful decision to have to make".

Mr Fulford said: "Certain far-left groups have tried to exploit those photographs taken of her, but Vivian has done what she could to stop them misusing them."



Steady ahead: Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, on his way to Wigan Pier during a visit to developments in the area yesterday

Conservative Central Council at Southport

Patten stokes election fire but gives no date

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

CHRIS Patten, the Conservative party chairman, promised yesterday that the party would fight and win the next election on the economy. He gave few clues to the timing of the election and spent much of his speech defending the prime minister against a series of Labour attacks on dithering at number ten.

Addressing party activists at the Conservative Central Council conference in Southport, Merseyside, Mr Patten stoked the election atmosphere with jibes at Labour.

Neil Kinnock, he said, could not go two rounds with a revolving door, and Roy Hattersley was a has-been in a hurry. As for Labour's "supply-side socialism", the rules were simple: "You give them your money and they'll supply the socialism."

Mr Patten emphasised that inflation was set to "fall like a stone" over the next 12 months and added that while millions would see their mortgage bills cut in the coming weeks and months, "there will be better news to come during

the rest of the year". The pace of manifesto-making has increased; Central Office is becoming noticeably tighter-knit and more war-like. However Mr Patten's speech was that of a party chairman clearly keeping open all options on election timing.

The effort he put into sustaining the prime minister was noticeable. The Conservatives have been worried by Labour attacks on John Major as an indecisive figure failing to control events. Mr Patten pointed out that there had

been just 19 days between the end of the Gulf war and the Budget, which had encapsulated firm government action on local government and the economy.

Praising Mr Major as a "calm, authoritative and sensible" man being subjected to a campaign of cheap personal attacks, Mr Patten said: "People of all political persuasions have enormously appreciated the way he has conducted himself."

Mr Patten referred to Mr Major's tough job in following

"one of the greatest prime ministers of the century", but he never referred to Margaret Thatcher by name. And he signalled the new direction ahead when he urged the Tory activists that, having won the economic arguments in the 1980s, they should go ahead in the 1990s to win the social policy arguments too.

Promising no hidden agenda for privatising education and the health service, Mr Patten said the Tories would present distinctive plans for improving the quality of public services but only with extra money that the economy could afford.

Mr Patten will address the council today, setting out what his colleagues call the "building blocks" of the party's agenda for the 1990s. He will concentrate on measures to build people's economic independence of the government through savings and pensions and begin to spell out how the next Conservative government will improve the quality of public services.

Alternative budget shows 'fatal flaws'

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

TREASURY ministers believe that they have discovered fatal flaws in Labour's costing of its alternative budget proposals that will undermine the party's credibility on the key election issue of the economy.

In Labour's shadow budget, it was suggested that the party would raise large sums for training and for increases in child benefit. Those included a provision of £619 million from ending the cash incentive for people to take out personal pensions.

Mr Mellor, who is to speak at today's council conference, says that the elimination of the 2 per cent rebate for those who opt out of the state earnings-related pension scheme and take up private pensions would yield only £10 million a year.

Labour's shadow budget proposed that £1 billion could be found towards the cost of capital allowances and stimulating industrial investment by closing the tax loophole on

off-shore investment trusts. But Mr Lamont announced the closing of the loophole in his budget and put the saving, on Inland Revenue figures, at just £100 million.

Also in question is the pledge to uprate child benefit to compensate for its freezing between 1987 and 1990. Mr Mellor says that Labour puts the cost at £775 million. That would be the costing, however, only if no allowance were made for families on income support, who have a quarter of all children. To adjust their income support levels to ensure that they received full advantage of the child benefit increase would require another £225 million.

Renewed calls were made yesterday for a Welsh assembly. Hugh Thomas, chief executive of Mid-Glamorgan council, said: "We will embrace the idea of unitary authorities in Wales provided that they are allied to a directly elected regional assembly."

King plays the Gulf card on defence

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN King, the defence secretary, yesterday played the Gulf card as he heightened speculation of an early election by launching a fierce attack on Labour's defence policies.

He said that had "CND salaried" such as Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock been responsible for the nation's defences over the past decade, Britain would not have been able to make its vital military contribution to the liberation of Kuwait. Nor, he suggested, would the world now be witnessing the rolling back of communism, oppression and misery in eastern Europe.

Mr King also accused Martin O'Neill, the opposition defence spokesman, of "inflammatory short-term judgments" by implying that because Iraq had been defeated Britain no longer faced threats to its security.

Mr King received a standing ovation for a rousing speech at the council meeting, where he paid tribute to the Gulf troops

and rehearsed the arguments that will be deployed in an election campaign. His repeated references to the election left his audience in little doubt that the government is eyeing the option of a June poll with growing interest.

Labour leaders believe that their repudiation of unilateral nuclear disarmament has removed a political millstone from around their necks. But the defence secretary argued that their policy changes were cosmetic. He said that Labour's policy of negotiating away nuclear weapons while allowing other states to retain theirs amounted to "lunacy".

He found it unbelievable that sane people could advance such a proposition. "The idea that a latter-day Saddam Hussein might have nuclear weapons while we have let ours go is not a thought that this country would happily receive," he said. Defence had proved Labour's Achilles heel in the past and would do so again.

Millions paid for island life without a postcode

By BILL FROST

BELLE Isle on Windermere, one of the brightest jewels in the Lake District's crown, has been sold in a deal thought to involve several million pounds.

The 38-acre island, with its grade I listed Georgian round house, has been bought by Harold Lefson, the millionaire chairman of the Swinton Holdings insurance group, and his wife Jane, daughter of the group's chief executive.

Belle Isle, which has been owned by the Curwen family for more than 200 years, has two distinctive features: it has the world's only Georgian round house built on an island, and does not have a postal code. Letters are addressed simply "Belle Isle, Windermere".

The architectural merits of the round house, built by John Pław in 1774, have not always been recognised. William Wordsworth disliked it, describing it as a pepper pot. Local people took a similar view at the time. The design, however, was not without its supporters. In 1800 an almost exact copy of the house was built on the shores of Lake Geneva.

Local opinion on the



round house has softened over the years. What had once been considered an eyesore became a well-loved landmark. In Victorian times Belle Isle attracted thousands of day-trippers. They were shown the round

house and told that it stood on the site of an old Roman villa, probably used by the local commander of the legion as a weekend cottage. Susan Thornely, the last member of the Curwen family to live on Belle Isle, said

yesterday that leaving would be a painful experience. "It is a sad day. There was a lot of soul-searching before we decided to sell. It has been wonderful fun living here, but we must look forward," Mrs Thornely said that she

hoped the new owners of the island would preserve its individual character. "I am sure they will actually. They came here for a conference and seemed to fall in love with the place at first sight," she added.

Consumer faces a mixed bag of energy price rises

By RAY CLANCY

MILLIONS of electricity customers face price rises above inflation from next month as the first tariff changes since privatisation were announced yesterday. British Gas, meanwhile, said it was raising prices for domestic customers by a mere 3.6 per cent, well below the rate of inflation.

Eastern Electricity said costs would rise by an average of 10.9 per cent from April and the other distribution companies are expected to give their new charges soon. However, the department of energy said that the rise was not excessive because it took account of the company underestimating inflation last year. Eastern Electricity prices rose by 9 per cent when inflation was more than that for most of last year.

Eastern Electricity, the first of the 12 distribution companies to announce tariff changes, said the average charge for domestic customers would increase by 10.8 per cent and for industrial and commercial users by 11 per cent. But a company spokesman said that in real terms increases would be 9.9 per cent with the average domestic customer paying about 54 pence a week more.

The new prices have been approved by the Office of Electricity Regulation. They were announced two weeks after John Wakeham, the energy secretary, told chairman of distribution companies that price increases should not be above inflation.

British Gas's 17 million domestic customers face increases from April 1. Business users, however, should see their bills going down, as British Gas prepares to announce record profits which are expected to be in excess of the pre-tax figure of £1,051 million last year.

A new tariff structure is being introduced by British Gas with four price tiers instead of two. Those using more than 100 therms a year will see their bills cut. The Gas Consumers Council director, Ian Powe, said: "The ordinary domestic consumer is left facing a third price increase in little over a year. The latest price rise represents around a 7 per cent increase on the March, 1990 tariff for those consumers using less than 5,000 therms a year." James McKinnon, director-general of the industry watchdog, Ofgas, said restructuring would bring some relief to many small businesses.

Judge dismisses M15 complaints

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ALL complaints by the public against M15 last year were dismissed, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, the Security Service commissioner, said in his first annual report since the introduction of new legislation in December 1989.

A "substantial number" of the 53 complaints could have been regarded as "frivolous or vexatious", but all were investigated by a tribunal of lawyers appointed under the 1989 Security Service Act.

Twenty-two were referred to Lord Justice Stuart-Smith because they involved allegations that M15 had "taken action" against their property.

His report says that neither the home secretary nor the Northern Ireland secretary, the ministers responsible for issuing warrants to allow M15 to enter suspects' premises, had overstepped their powers under the act. He gave no details, however, of circumstances behind the request for warrants. Nor did he record how many warrants were issued last year. He did not believe it in the public's interest to know.

This contrasts with the practice of Lord Justice Lloyd, commissioner for the Interception of Communications Act 1985, responsible for monitoring telephone tapping by M15 and other agencies. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith said that the number of warrants was "comparatively small".

Details of "the successful operations" carried out by M15 officers under warrant were included in a confidential appendix supplied to the prime minister but not published. "Publication of these details might prejudice future operations," the report said.

An insight into the way the commissioner carries out his duties was provided by yesterday's report. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith said: "I have made a number of visits to the Security Service and other agencies. I have examined the files relating to a number of warrants and questioned those involved with them. I have also in some cases examined the product obtained by the operation."

He made it clear that he considered the definition of "national security", upon which he based his inquiries, was wider than just the obvious threats from espionage, terrorism and sabotage. It also included the defence of the realm and the government's defence and foreign policies.

Lockerbie enquiry finds that baggage checks for Pan Am flight 103 did not provide reasonable protection

Judge says deaths of 270 could have been avoided

By KERRY GILL

THE terrorist bombing that destroyed Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie killing 270 people more than two years ago could have been avoided had there been more stringent baggage handling procedures at Frankfurt and Heathrow airports, the judge in the fatal accident enquiry into the deaths said yesterday.

The presence of the radio-cassette bomb that blew up the 747 airliner might well have been discovered if the bag in which it was contained had been physically searched beforehand. Sheriff Principal John Mowat, QC, the enquiry judge, said that it would have been a reasonable precaution for Pan Am to have conducted a passenger-baggage reconciliation procedure at Frankfurt that would have first detected an unaccompanied bag.

He said the reliance on only x-ray screening of interline baggage at both airports was a defect that contributed to the deaths of 259 passengers and crew, and 11 people in Lockerbie who died when

parts of the aircraft crashed to the ground on December 21, 1988. A similar check at Heathrow when baggage was transferred from the feeder flight to flight 103 could also have prevented the deaths.

Although many of the criticisms levelled at Pan Am during the enquiry had been far too sweeping, Sheriff Mowat said there was evidence that Pan Am's security performance was "far below" what was claimed for its security subsidiary, Alert.

Sheriff Mowat, in his 99-page determination, said: "I think I am justified in holding that a count of the bags on December 21 might have disclosed the presence of an extra bag and caused the Samsonite suitcase (which contained the bomb) to have been identified and searched. A physical reconciliation would probably have identified that suitcase and so prevented a disaster."

He said that the primary cause of the deaths was a criminal act of murder.

The transport department's

baggage reconciliation policy, he said, gave insufficient protection against the possibility that an undetected, unaccompanied bag would be transferred from the feeder flight to the Pan Am 747, either in the interline system at Heathrow or in the tarmac transfer. He could not rule that the deaths would have been avoided if the department had issued stricter directives, but said that they did not provide reasonable protection. "I consider that fact to be relevant to the circumstances of the deaths," he said.

He did not consider the delay in issuing photographs of a Toshiba radio-cassette bomb, similar to that which blew up the airliner, relevant to the deaths either. Also, on the "Helsinki warning", a claim that a Pan Am jet was to be blown up, Sheriff Mowat said there had been no evidence to suggest it had "any degree of credibility".

In spite of the much-criticised Alert programme, how-

ever, Sheriff Mowat said: "I am not prepared to make a finding which might imply that the Alert performance was generally less than adequate or that any shortcomings on the part of their staff were relevant to the circumstances of the deaths." He said that while there was little or no communication between Pan Am and Alert at headquarters level there was an adequate system at airport level.

Sheriff Mowat said that all deaths took place at or about 7.05pm and that, having considered expert evidence, none of the airliner victims was alive when they hit the ground. A claim was made that Pan Am had been granted a waiver allowing the company to use x-ray screening only. Sheriff Mowat said: "I am not prepared to hold that any waiver was granted which would have allowed them to depart from the provisions which required passenger-baggage reconciliation."

The £3 million enquiry was



Disaster scene: devastation at Lockerbie, where parts of the aircraft came down

held without a jury. It heard a catalogue of allegations of mistakes and negligence concerning security at Frankfurt airport. Wilfrid "Jumbo" Wood, the former British army officer hired to set up Pan Am's Alert security subsidiary, said that once the programme was established there were no signs that it was being carried out correctly.

The head of Pan Am's security at Frankfurt was said

to have been unfit for his job and was dismissed 24 weeks after the bombing. An employee from Alert said that security at Heathrow was totally inadequate at the time and that he was given no real training.

Lord Fraser, the Lord Advocate, said responsibility for the bombing was not in the enquiry's remit and that the criminal investigation was continuing well.

Relatives to consider action on security

JDM Swire, whose daughter Flora was killed in the Lockerbie disaster, said last night that he was happy with Sheriff Mowat's findings, although had yet to study the report in detail (Kerry Gill writes).

Dr Swire, spokesman for the British victims' relatives, said: "I am very pleased that he has made it clear that reasonable precautions might have prevented the deaths. We have now to consider what further action we should take against those who ran security at the time of the disaster and to improve security in the future."

Dr Swire, who questioned witnesses at the enquiry, which ran from October 1 until the middle of last month, said he was delighted that the sheriff had found the allocation of airport security resources to be a political issue. "That is why I cited Mrs Thatcher and Paul Channon [transport secretary at the time of the bombing] to give evidence," Dr Swire said. "I find it sad that they hid behind the Speaker's exemption. This is a point I intend to pursue."

Sheriff Mowat said that the question of whether the transport department was the appropriate body to act as the lead agency in aviation security was political and that he could not comment further.

Robert Riddet, chairman of Lockerbie community council, said that everyone responsible for airline and airport security would have to take the sheriff's lessons on board. "What happened to Pan Am could probably have happened to any airline, but, if there is any proof of negligence, I think those responsible should be rapped," he said. "The people of Lockerbie just hope that some good comes out of the tragedy."

Sir Hector Monro, Conservative MP for Dumfries, said that the sheriff had made clear that reconciliation of passengers with their baggage could have prevented the tragedy. "I hope the department of transport and the airlines have now tightened security," he said.

Court actions will be raised in New York in June by relatives of three crew members seeking damages from Alert, Pan Am's security subsidiary.

No sign of arrests as hunt for bombers continues

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY-seven months after the Lockerbie disaster, investigations into the biggest murder case in British legal history continue with no sign of imminent arrests. The combined resources of Scottish detectives, FBI agents and German federal investigators may not be enough to find the Middle Eastern terrorists who planted the bomb.

Last year Vincent Cannistrano, the former director of operations and analysis for the CIA's counter-terrorism centre, said in Washington that much of the basic story of the bombing had been uncovered. Those responsible were probably beyond reach and bringing a watertight case in court might not be easy.

A team of 36 officers from three Scottish forces is still at Lockerbie and working with a resident FBI agent. The British investigations have cost £13 million, making the case one of the most expensive ever. The squad has a computer link via satellite to Washington and officers have visited 21 countries during the investigation. Every six weeks a senior officer travels to London to report progress to a senior civil servant in the Cabinet Office.

Mr Cannistrano said that Western intelligence agents believed that the contract for the bombing had been issued by the Iranians, seeking revenge for the accidental destruction of an Iranian Airbus over the Gulf by an American warship in 1988.

The bomb has been linked to others believed to have been made by a group called the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command, headed by Ahmed Jibril and sponsored, until recently, by Syria. There are also suggestions that the bomb, packed into a radio-tape recorder inside a Samsonite suitcase, might have been planted on a flight from the Mediterranean by Libyan intelligence officers.

Plans by the front to carry out the bombing were stopped at the last moment, possibly because of a series of arrests in Germany, and at that point the Libyans might have stepped in.

Mr Cannistrano never identified the bombers. Professor Paul Wilkinson, of the Research Foundation for the Study of Terrorism, said: "The truth is probably that there was an unholy alliance."



Jibril: bomb linked to others made by his group

Acid attacker jailed

A psychopath who sprayed acid on 14 women and a girl aged ten was jailed for five years yesterday after a high-security mental hospital refused to accept him.

At the Central Criminal Court, Judge Nina Lowry said that Terence Goodbrow, aged 34, of Forest Gate, east London, needed psychiatric treatment. Rampton Hospital refused to take him because he was incurable, and no one was prepared to pay a private hospital's £166-a-day bill. Goodbrow had admitted spraying acid on the bottoms of his victims in London last year.

Crash decision

The driver of the train that crashed at Reading in August injuring 41 people will not face criminal charges, it was announced yesterday.

Journey home

The remains of General Wladislaw Sikorski, the wartime Polish leader in exile, are to be moved to Poland from Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Last word

The Wordsworth Trust has won an appeal against refusal of planning permission for an underground lecture theatre at Grassmere, Cumbria.

Murder appeal

Eddie Browning, found guilty of murdering a pregnant woman beside the M50, will have an appeal against his conviction heard on May 17, his family said yesterday.

Aquatic centre

Anglian Water is planning a butterfly and aquatic exhibition centre at Rutland Water in Leicestershire.

Drug case girl

The Thai authorities are to drop an appeal against the "leniency" of the 25-year sentence for heroin trafficking passed in December on Karyn Smith, aged 19, of Solihull, West Midlands.

MP's new job

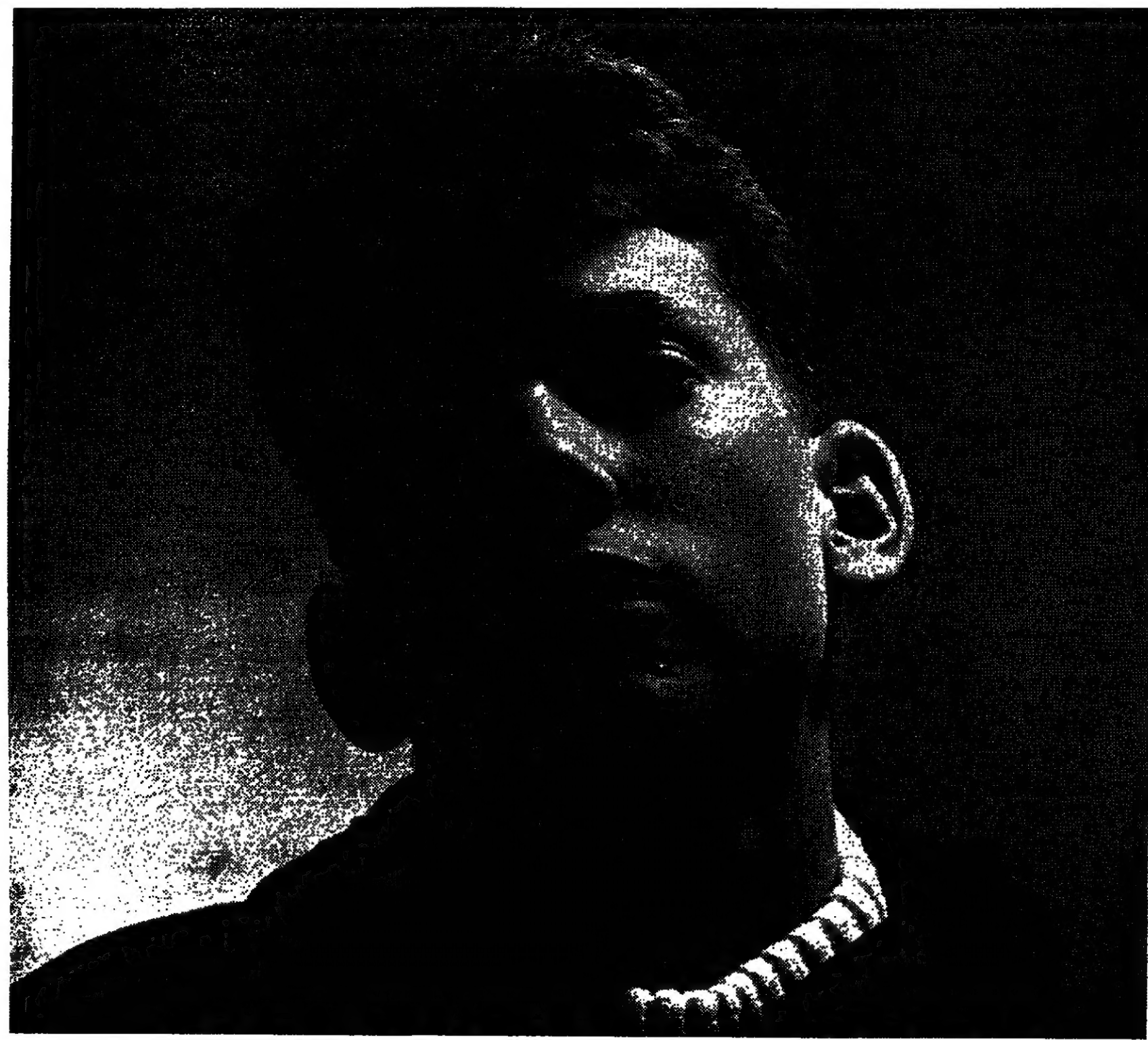
David Tredinnick, Conservative MP for Bosworth since 1987, has been appointed parliamentary private secretary to Sir Wyn Roberts, minister of state for Wales.

Death fall

Molly Chapman, aged 58, fell to her death when the ground in her garden at Bethel, Cornwall, gave way beneath her leaving a hole 5ft deep. Mining subsidence could be the cause, police said yesterday.

Airport alert

An emergency was called at Stansted airport yesterday when an aircraft taking two passengers to Maastricht in The Netherlands suffered an engine failure after take-off. It returned and landed safely.



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By STEWART TINKLER
TIME CORRESPONDENT

Lockehee disaster investigations into the tanker case in British waters continue with no apparent arrests. The Coastguard's resources of Scotland's Fishery Agency are not enough to find out whether the tanker was in the North Sea at the time of the accident, the director of the agency's counter pollution team said in Washington. "We are not sure whether anything had been uncovered as responsible vessels were beyond 12 miles and beyond a watergate's line of sight but not close."

A team of six officers from Scotland's forces is with the FBI and working with the investigation. They have 10 million, making the cost of the probe as expensive as a nuclear reactor link. The ship was in the North Sea at the time of the accident, and officers investigated 21 countries, during the investigation. Even so, the senior officer in the navy civil servant in the United States.

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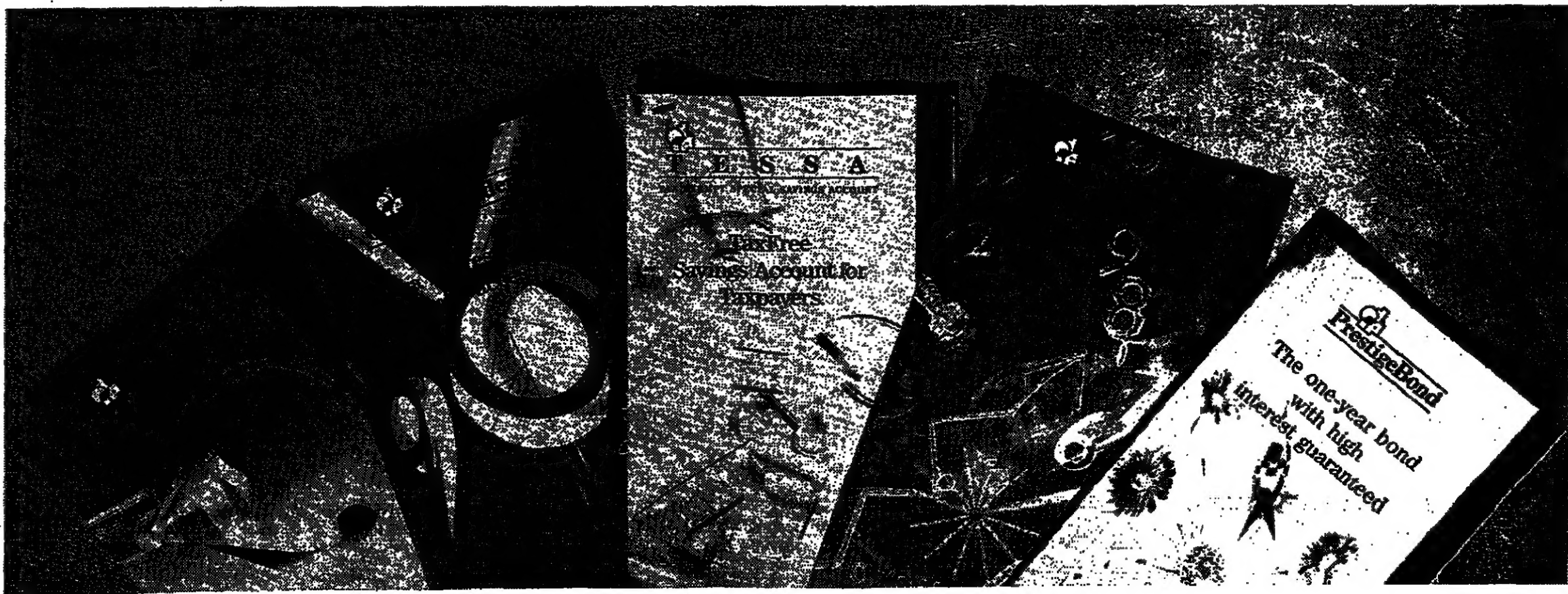
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SYRIA

Damascus targets the drug barons in Bekaa valley

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN DAMASCUS

THE most bizarre casualty of the Gulf war and the new Middle Eastern alliances it spawned has been the lucrative drug trade from Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley, one of the world's main sources of hashish and, more recently, heroin.

In what diplomats claim is an attempt to further improve ties with America and the chances of President Bush including Damascus in his regional itinerary later this year, Syrian authorities recently launched the biggest action against drugs in the fertile area since the occupation began 15 years ago.

During that period the Baathist regime of President Assad has been accused of ignoring the drug trafficking in the valley, and the US State Department has charged that senior officers from the 40,000-strong Syrian occupation army have been profiting from it.

In the raids, launched on the eve of the arrival last week of James Baker, the American Secretary of State, 80 tons of hashish were confiscated as well as 30lb of opium and 26lb of cocaine with a total street value estimated at £223 million.

The notoriety of the Bekaa as a drug-producing centre has long been a source of concern to Western drug control agen-

cies. In 1989, when the thaw in relations between the United States and Syria began, the State Department approached the Damascus government and asked for co-operation.

The extent of the problem is clearly visible to anyone driving the dangerous roads through Bekaa in eastern Lebanon, where cultivated opium plants present a deceptively picturesque sight. Many towns and villages in

the area are known to exist on the drugs trade which has attracted the involvement of many of the militias which have made that part of Lebanon a by-word for lawlessness. Among the many extremist groups which have training camps in the valley are the Palestinian faction run by Abu Nidal, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-

General Command, widely blamed for the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie in 1988, and the left-wing Japanese Red Army.

Diplomatic sources said that Syria, which hopes to secure the return of the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights under any new Middle East peace agreement, was anxious to remove as many sources of friction with Washington as possible before any fresh American initiative.

Describing the raids, after which the seized drugs were taken to Syria to be burned, Muhammad Harbo, the interior minister, claimed that they "came into line with Syria's campaign to combat crime and were not political". He declined to say why his government had waited 15 years to launch such a sizeable anti-drugs campaign.

The Bekaa is a primary source of hashish, producing an estimated 600 to 700 tons a year. Since 1989, Lebanon has also emerged as a leading source of heroin. The extent of American-Syrian co-operation in the new clampdown on the drug barons is being played down in public but is acknowledged by Western and Arab diplomats. A spokesman for the American embassy in Damascus said: "The US is in consultation with Syria on the issue."



Freedom hope: a Kuwaiti woman awaits news of a relative she hopes is among hundreds of Kuwaiti prisoners of war who returned to Kuwait City yesterday. Some of the POWs are still undergoing identity checks at a military camp near by before being released

KUWAIT

Aid chief condones retaliation

From JAMIE DETTMER IN KUWAIT CITY

IF THERE were any doubts remaining that the position of Palestinians living in Kuwait is likely to worsen and that an ugly sectarianism has affected all levels of Kuwaiti society, they were brought to an end yesterday when the acting head of the Red Crescent society in the emirate con-

doned the seizing and beating of Palestinians.

In an outspoken interview with *The Times* and *Abdul Karim Jafar*, a board member of Kuwait's Red Crescent society, the Islamic equivalent of the Red Cross, suggested the Palestinians were getting

everything they deserved. Mr Jafar was speaking as speculation mounted that Palestinians who had been held by the Iraqis had been screened out by Kuwaiti police from a group of more than 1,000 Kuwaiti prisoners of war who returned to emotional scenes yesterday.

When the Kuwaiti prisoners arrived it was noticeable that no Palestinians were among them. One Kuwaiti said Palestinians had also been released. The sharp divide separating them showed in Mr Jafar's comments. At first he denied mounting evidence of persecution of Palestinians. "I have not seen anything. If I see anything I will act. As a humanitarian organisation we should spread love among all people."

But later, with considerable vehemence, he said: "They (Palestinians) insulted us. We took them as brothers. We hugged them. Yasser Arafat started the PLO here. If you could only have seen what they did. They took Iraqis around and showed them

houses where there were Kuwaiti officers. If it was your wife, sister, mother who was raped, how would you act? If you and me are friends and are walking down the street and a man started hitting me, would you blame me for hitting him back?" Mr Jafar said he had witnessed Kuwaitis beating Palestinians. "A Kuwaiti started crying. I asked him why he was crying. He said that Palestinians had raped his wife in front of him."

Mr Jafar also dismissed claims that Kuwaiti soldiers and freelance resistance members were interrogating and beating Palestinian and Iraqi refugees in the Red Crescent-run refugee camp on the Kuwait-Iraq border. His reaction to the problem of lack of food and water in the camp was to blame the International Red Cross for failing to help enough. According to Red Cross representatives here, international relief has been sent through their organisation to Kuwait.

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Two hurt in Iraqi embassy protest

Delhi — At least two people were injured in alleged firing from inside the Iraqi embassy in Delhi last night when more than 500 demonstrators protested outside the mission against Iraq's attempts to crush Shia rebels (Christopher Thomas writes).

The protest, organised by a Shia group, followed Friday prayers. Demonstrators threw stones at the embassy gates and smashed windows, according to witnesses. They also damaged two embassy cars and chanted slogans denouncing President Saddam Hussein and the campaign against Shia rebels in southern Iraq.

Israeli curbs

Jerusalem — Yitzhak Shamir's government yesterday considered fresh restrictions on Palestinian working in Israel because of a number of knife attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians. Shamir faced calls from both ends of the political spectrum for the occupied territories to be sealed off.

American killed

Istanbul — Gunmen killed a former US Air Force officer working for an American firm in Turkey, police said. The Marxist organisation Dev Sol admitted responsibility. A spokesman for the American embassy identified the victim as John Gandy, a married man aged 52. (AP)

Gold medals

Washington — The US Senate has approved the award of congressional gold medals to the chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff, General Colin Powell, and the commander of Operation Desert Storm, General Norman Schwarzkopf, for their leadership in the Gulf war. (AFP)

Back from dead

Cairo — An Egyptian soldier listed killed in the Gulf war went home to find his family and friends mourning his death. "I saw one of my friends and when I asked him to take me home, he became hysterical and shouted 'Ghost, ghost', Yasser Ahmed Ali told the newspaper *al-Akhar*. (Reuters)

UNITED NATIONS

Embargo on food to be scrapped

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations sanctions committee moved yesterday to lift restrictions on food and other essential goods entering Iraq after a UN survey found conditions in the country were "near apocalyptic". The committee was expected to allow all food shipments through the embargo, provided it is notified of them. Other essential supplies, such as fuel for generators, would also be permitted, although still subject to case-by-case approval by the committee.

Western diplomats said Iraq had agreed to allow the UN and the Red Cross to supervise the distribution of food to ensure that it is not denied to civilians in rebel-held areas.

The decision of the sanctions committee is expected to be incorporated in the next UN resolution, probably next week, dictating terms to Iraq for a permanent ceasefire. The five permanent members of

the UN Security Council yesterday continued work on a US draft of the resolution, with China and the Soviet Union pressing for amendments. Diplomatic sources said the demand that Iraq destroy all its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons within 90 days was controversial and could be dropped. But Britain, one of the permanent members, was threatening to block any resolution that did not include it.

There were also differences over when sanctions on non-essential goods should be lifted. Britain and America want such sanctions to remain in effect until Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruction and agreed to pay part of its oil revenue as war compensation, but China is pressing for a faster end to the embargo. The sanctions panel is a sub-committee of the security council.

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American troops launch Operation Desert Scrub

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

EUROPEANS have long seen in Americans an obsession with hygiene, and the Gulf war is no exception. The big clean-up has followed the huge wipe-out as US military staff follow orders from the pristine offices of Washington bureaucrats to remove every grain of dirt from their boots and equipment.

While the troops are in a hurry to return home, government officials have decreed that Middle Eastern sand and soil embedded on soldiers' shoes or in the treads of tanks could carry regional diseases such as foot-and-mouth into the United States. The military, unwilling to bear the wrath of farmers if any crop or animals should go down with a disease linked to a Gulf-related plant or pest, is hosing down with high-pressure jets of water each vehicle before it ships out of Saudi Arabia.

Military inspectors armed with cleansing sprays at American ports of entry for homecoming troops are supposed to check every pair of boots before its wearers step on to official American land. Soldiers still in the field are frantically scraping en-

crusted dirt off their water carriers, portable radios and *matériel*.

Overseeing the logistical nightmare is the United States agriculture department's animal plant health inspection service. The agency is sending a handful of experts to the Gulf and training extra staff. The officials are working with a glee previously seen only in the customs officials at American airports who confiscate returning holidaymakers' German salamis and granny's homegrown apples on the grounds they are potential health hazards.

"The Gulf has pests that are not here," said James Foss, an agency official. "Soil-borne diseases and pests can present problems in a new area." The nearest equivalent fear among British officials is that of allowing in animals from continental Europe that could cause an outbreak of rabies. The main reason for the American paranoia about Gulf dirt is the devastation 12 years ago of the Californian orange harvest, traced to the entry of a Mediterranean fruit fly in a shipment of imports. The government spent more than \$100 million (£56 million) over three years in efforts to eradicate the bug.

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East Germans recoil from the bitter aftertaste of unity

THE first caller on the afternoon phone-in came from the east Berlin high-rise ghetto of Marzahn. Could the senator explain why there are 12 per cent cuts in the joint Berlin police force when the city's crime rate is soaring. And, by the way, what other jobs would a former East Berlin policeman have a chance of getting?

The next caller had the opposite problem. He had just lost his job in an electronics factory. What were his chances of being taken on by the police? In an attempt to show Berliners that their government is not oblivious to the city's post-unity plight, the city's new interior senator, Dieter Heckmann, has taken to the airwaves in a weekly agony uncle slot to answer the questions of easterners recoiling at the bitter aftertaste of unity.

Like most politicians in Berlin and the five new Länder, he cannot keep the tone of recurring desperation out of his voice.

East Germans, cosseted by promises from Bonn and their own wishful thinking, are slowly discovering the high price of unity, Anne McElvoy writes

"In normal times your grievance would be quite justified," he tells one caller after another. "But please remember we are under-financed in eastern Berlin alone now by five billion marks (£1.67 billion). The coffers are empty."

The east German economy is now on the verge of complete collapse, with its industry moribund and the promised flood of investments failing to materialise. Meanwhile, the west is booming, profiting from the new market east of the Elbe while not benefitting its economy in the least.

The hitherto simmering tension between the Bundesbank and the government erupted earlier this week when Karl Otto

Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, said that the rush into monetary union had been "a disaster" and gave a warning to the European Community not to make the same mistake.

Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, hit back by lambasting "the bad-mouthers who are always wiser after the event", but was clearly angered by the attack. His mood has not been helped by the turn against him in the east, where 200 000 workers took to the streets this week to protest against unemployment and social inequality and left no doubt about who they blamed.

The chancellor's grip on the east is slipping, his sureness of touch deserting him. Asked to comment on the demonstra-

tions, his spokesman, Dieter Vogel, announced that the government was "annoyed" and blamed "troublemakers" - uncomfortable echoes of the old regime's tendency to want to despoil the populace and replace it with another.

The Bundesbank and most economists knew all along that the prerequisite for monetary union was a higher degree of economic convergence than was available at the time and that the carefully controlled economy of the federal republic has painstakingly built up would transfer badly to the chaotic and moribund east. In the age-old German tussle of idealism and reason, the idealists won, but their victory has been short-lived. Open comparisons are being made with the depression of the 1930s when Germany's gross national product dropped by 35 per cent in three years. Eastern Germany has lost 20 per cent productivity within a year. Half of the working population

is expected to be without a job when the statutory period of notice for redundancies ends at the end of June.

The wiser east Germans always knew that 1991 would be the year of hard reckoning. But they were cosseted by promises from Bonn and their own wishful thinking.

Wages have risen too far, too fast, propelled by the expectation they would reach west German levels within a couple of years rather than the more realistic aim of a decade or so. Investors complain that east German labour is too expensive - especially with more lucrative labour markets opening up in Czechoslovakia and Poland - and eastern companies are proving hard to sell.

True integration was not achieved with monetary union last July, nor by state union in October. It will be forged, slowly and painfully, over the next decade, at greater cost than has yet been admitted.



Herr Kohl meets unification's realities and the ghosts of Ulbricht, Stalin and Honecker in a *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* cartoon

Bonn renews pressure to set pace of EC union

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMANY is trying to turn up the heat on European unity, which has been simmering on the back burner for much of the Gulf confrontation. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister who works tirelessly for European unification, has been busy enlisting French help in his efforts to persuade the European Community to concentrate on the subject again.

He visited Roland Dumas, his French opposite number, in Paris on Thursday evening to discuss the timetable for unity. Although John Major was assured, during the prime minister's successful summit in Bonn earlier this month, that Britain was now regarded as an essential partner in EC leadership, Herr Genscher is relying on the old Franco-German partnership to serve as the engine of unification.

A joint declaration, issued yesterday, said that the inter-governmental conferences on political and economic union ought to finish the main part of their work by this summer so that remaining differences can be cleared up by the end of the year. The work on both treaties should be done in parallel, and the necessary

amendments ratified by the 12 national parliaments before the end of 1992.

This timescale is not new. It was set out in a joint letter sent to the European summit last June by President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. The new joint declaration, like that letter, also describes the final aims of the intergovernmental conferences. The significance of the new declaration is that despite all the arguments raised since last June the two countries have not shifted their joint position.

Both countries will interpret the way they want the words. Their importance is, however, that between them France and Germany are again setting the agenda for the international conferences, making it more difficult for Britain and other countries to control the pace and direction of negotiations.

The aims include setting procedures for a joint foreign and security policy with the long-term objective of a common defence policy. Both countries say they mean to confirm the "organic links" between European political union and the Western European Union (WEU) without weakening the links to Nato. The two ministers also want the European parliament to have new responsibilities, including the appointment of the European Commission and its president.

On the economic union front there is no hint that Germany is having second thoughts about the desirability of speedy progress to a common currency and central bank. The joint statement said that the second stage of economic union must begin on schedule from 1994. It went on to say that "at the latest three years after this begins", in January 1997, a report must be ready on the way ahead, laying down the appropriate timescale for moving on to the final stage, including an independent central bank and common currency based on "a strong and stable Euro".

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Last week the presidency suffered a severe blow when its president, the Serb Borisav Jovic, finding himself in a minority, first quit and then withdrew his resignation, accusing his colleagues of sabotaging agreements and working for Yugoslavia's disintegration because they refused to vote for a military option in settling the dispute. It was then that the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, who favoured army intervention, suffered a humiliating defeat.

The talks between the leaders of the republics stand a better chance of overcoming the differences which remain. Stipe Mesic, the vice-president, who will represent Croatia on the eight-man presidency and who will soon replace Mr Jovic as its president, struck an optimistic note when he said that some kind of accord now seemed more likely as the politicians who matter most will from now on negotiate directly. The Yugoslavs have obviously decided in principle that, whether they like it or not, they must stay together.



Sounding off Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, addressing workers at the Kirov plant in Leningrad. Mr Yeltsin, mobbed by workers pledging to strike if hardline Communists unseat him, repeated charges that President Gorbachev had abandoned reform plans

Japan throws cash at islands dispute

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

ICHIRO Ozawa, the secretary-general of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party, arrives in Moscow this week-end for three days of talks with President Gorbachev. He will be waving Japan's favourite foreign policy trump card, a cheque book.

Japanese newspapers reported this week that Mr Ozawa plans to offer Moscow \$15 billion in economic aid in return for sovereignty over four islands off the north coast of Japan, claimed by Tokyo but occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945. The reports have led to speculation that Mr Ozawa is raising the stakes in his attempt to become prime minister. If he can win domestic acclaim as the man who wrested back Japan's sovereign territory from the great bear across the waters, he will be virtually unassailable in the leadership race expected later this year.

While Liberal Democratic party officials yesterday furiously denied that Japan would offer a lump sum on anything

like the scale mentioned in the reports, an undaunted Mr Ozawa told Japanese business leaders yesterday that the government and the Liberal Democratic party would indeed be prepared to offer undisclosed amounts of economic aid to Moscow in return for a settlement of the dispute. He also stated that the phased return of the islands would be acceptable.

Mr Ozawa's visit to Moscow comes less than a month before Mr Gorbachev's scheduled April 16-19 trip to Tokyo, the first visit to Japan by a Soviet leader. The Cold War grinds chillingly on at the Soviet Union's far eastern extremities where the disputed islands lie just two miles from the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

The two nations have been technically at war since 1945, when Stalin broke a 1941 neutrality pact with Japan and occupied Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and the cluster of tiny Habomai islands.

Soviet TV troika banished

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MEMBERS of Moscow's progressive intelligentsia, who fancy themselves as arbiters of public taste and protectors of glasnost, are retiring to bed earlier these days. The late-night television news programme, which used to be required viewing, has abandoned its pioneering style and become, within the space of a week, just another news broadcast. "More of the same old lies," as one commentator put it.

The late news, referred to by its initials, TSN, had built up a reputation for stylish presentation and almost Western news values. Its three chief presenters, Tatyana Mitkova, Dmitri Kiselev and Yuri Rostov, brought spontaneity and personality to newscasting in a very un-Soviet way. They were liked and trusted. A week ago, they were banished from the screen.

It still has the single close-up presenter, the jazzy introduction and the fade-out to a pop video, or fashion show, but TSN now offers little more than an abbreviated form of the increasingly tendentious *Vremya* programme broadcast

at 9pm. Since the removal of Miss Mitkova and the others, a different presenter has appeared each night. It used to be quite different. Miss Mitkova, a cheerful brunette, brought a touch of irony here, a touch of commitment there and a sense that the frontiers of glasnost were being pushed outwards all the time. Mr Rostov was the last Soviet television reporter in Baghdad before the bombing started. Mr Kiselev, young, serious and slightly diffident, was the junior member of the team.

The path towards banishment began, in their view, with their attempts to ward off censorship of events in the Baltic republics. The night after the killings in Lithuania, Miss Mitkova presented the programme, which went on air nearly an hour late. She had tears in her eyes and told viewers that the report she would read was the official version.

Gunmen sent to prison for life

Bonn - Two gunmen who led police on a highly publicised 54-hour chase round Germany and The Netherlands in 1988, during which three people died, were given life sentences yesterday by a court in Essen (Ian Murray writes).

Hans-Jürgen Rosner, aged 34, and Dieter Degowski, aged 35, were found guilty of extortion, kidnapping and taking hostages with fatal consequences. Their girlfriend, Marion Loblich, aged 37, was convicted of complicity and jailed for nine years.

MPs accused

Prague - The names of ten MPs accused of collaborating with the Czechoslovak secret police under the former communist regime were read out during a televised session of the federal parliament.

UN go-ahead

Johannesburg - South Africa has invited the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to assist in the repatriation of political exiles thereby unlocking aid from foreign governments.

New legal code

Khartoum - Sudan's military government ushered in a new sharia (Islamic law) code, reintroducing such punishments as amputation of a hand for theft. The code will apply only to the predominantly Muslim north. (Reuters)

Scud attacks

Peshawar - Afghan government forces have fired more than 60 Scud missiles in the past six days at mujahedin guerrillas besieging the garrison city of Khost, 15 miles from the Pakistani border. (Reuters)

Yugoslav leaders agree to hold talks

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

THE leaders of Yugoslavia's six republics have agreed to begin talks, raising hopes that their disputes may be settled peacefully. But many difficulties lie ahead before an agreement on the country's future can be reached.

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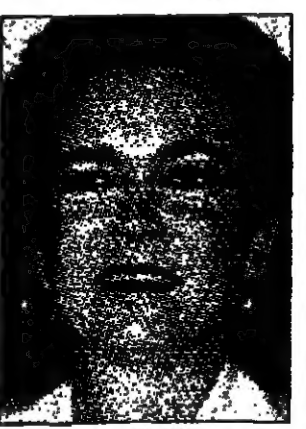
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Aids team closes door on bordello

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A REPORT from two eminent French medical researchers has rejected the idea that re-opening the licensed brothels of Paris could help the authorities cope with the ravages of Aids. Despite the continued increase in the number of deaths from the disease in the capital, which now accounts for about one-third of all cases diagnosed in France, they have concluded that reviving the brothels would do nothing to prevent the spread of Aids (known here as Sida) as a result of "clandestine" prostitution.

In any case, the report adds, "such a solution seems unacceptable in the land of human rights... which adheres to the United Nations treaty on abolition of slavery". A far better response to the Aids virus that has turned Paris into one of the worst afflicted cities in Europe would be a campaign involving the



Bazrach: called for return to licensed brothels

bordellos, which were abolished 45 years ago. The fact that Mme Bazrach is in charge of the capital's programme to combat the Aids epidemic, which is affecting the heterosexual community, merely sharpened the controversy.

For her, the "horrifying" spread of Aids in Paris required a drastic and effective response: the Bois de Boulogne, she said bluntly, had so many prostitutes plying their trade that it should be known as "the Boulevard de Sida". For Emile Aron and Etienne Charles Frogé, both members of the French Academy of Medicine, Mme Bazrach's reasoning was neither morally nor practically valid. While experience had demonstrated that efforts to eliminate prostitution were truly "utopian", there was nothing to recommend the old system in France.

After Mme Bazrach, who is also a parliamentary deputy for Paris, first lobbied her

last June, she was fiercely attacked by politicians, family associations and the church. But her remarks also attracted interest from the serving minister in the Socialist government, Claude Evin. In a response that he may have lived to regret, M Evin said that the government had an obligation to "examine anything that will allow us to limit the spread of Aids... though re-opening of maisons closes would not be the only official approach". He has subsequently retreated from that position.

According to experts, most regular prostitutes take precautions with clients; the sharpest increase in confirmed Aids cases affects those who inject themselves intravenously. But while "occasional" prostitution is now suspected of considerable responsibility for spreading the disease, it is hard to see how re-opening brothels, even under "hygienic" control, would help Paris turn the tide.

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Pakistani generals turn their backs on US military aid

FROM BEN WHITAM SMITH IN LAHORE

PAKISTAN'S generals celebrated national day yesterday with a traditional parade of armed strength amid growing signs that the military is distancing itself from the United States and moving closer to China and Iran.

The move by the generals is in defiance of official government policy, but Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, has had difficulties in aligning his decision to send troops to fight alongside the Americans in the Gulf war with popular admiration for President Saddam Hussein's attempt to defy the United States.

In a recent speech General Aslam Beg, the army chief of staff, accused the United States of "tricking Iraq into invading Kuwait as part of a plan to enhance Israel's security. He also wondered who would be the 'next target' of the West after the defeat of Iraq. This kind of military thinking alone does not please the government.

With 11,000 troops still in Saudi Arabia, the government is aware that Pakistan's economy depends on loans from US-dominated agencies. General Aslam Beg was persuaded to visit Saudi Arabia last month in an attempt to mend some fences. The government, however, has little control over security planning, and the military is looking to a future free of American aid. Observers feel this amounts to a defence of state sovereignty and the protection of Pakistan's nuclear programme from American threats and pressures.

American officials in Islamabad say that as yet they have not responded to anti-American feelings, but that such a

response could result in a total withdrawal of military assistance and an embargo on arms sales. American aid to Pakistan, including military assistance worth at least \$230 million (£128.5 million), has already been suspended by President Bush, in October, after a failure to prove that Pakistan was not developing a nuclear weapon.

Already self-sufficient in ammunition, the military appears determined to cut its reliance on American equipment and build up its own defence production industries, often in association with China. Air Vice-Marshal Yusuf Khan, the director of the airforce's aircraft maintenance complex in the arid plains north of Islamabad, said: "We find the Chinese much more helpful than the Americans. Not only are they cheaper but we can be confident that there will be no embargoes." Pakistan and China are jointly developing a main battle tank after Pakistan rejected the American M1A1 tank.

The airforce was an early casualty of the cut-off of American aid. Flight time on its fleet of US-supplied F16 fighter-bombers has been halved because of uncertainty over a planned engine overhaul which requires American collaboration.

The generals are viewing American intentions in the Gulf region with increasing suspicion and alarm. In recent speeches General Aslam Beg has outlined his vision of a "strategic consensus" linking Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan. Mushahid Hussain, the Pakistan correspondent of *Jane's Defence Weekly*, said:

"The army is apprehensive of the Americans' new world order. It has its own view of the region centred on India, Iran, Afghanistan and up through the Muslim republics of the Soviet Union. It fears that any accommodation with the US could come at the cost of compromising its interests." So the military prepares to stand on its own.

The military leadership also has hopes of forging links with Iran. Local newspapers have reported that arms sales had been agreed between the two countries. However, one senior official involved in the arms deal conceded that "as yet nothing has been finalised."

The prime minister is keen to get Pakistan involved in the reconstruction of Kuwait, but the military's stance does not help his chances. General Aslam Beg is due to retire in August and politicians will hope for an army chief with views closer to their own. Whether they will get one is still a matter for doubt.

Maxwell grabs the headlines

FROM CHARLES BRENNER IN NEW YORK

NEW Yorkers were going about their business last week when a portly, bow-tied figure with a booming baritone burst on to the municipal consciousness. Until he came to the rescue of the strike-bound *Daily News*, few had heard of Robert Maxwell, but a week of television and headlines has changed that.

"Cap'n Bob" is a full-blown local celebrity. "The nervous, mannered British don't universally confirm to Maxwell's self-aggrandising style," *USA Today* explained in one of a stream of admiring profiles. Mr Maxwell has a "New York-sized ego", it said.

Mr Maxwell announced that "I have no desire to be a household name in this town", but there seems little chance of escaping that fate. Apart from anything else, his presence is visible to anyone who drives up the East Side, in the shape of the Lady Ghislaine, the 200ft



Hot off press: Robert Maxwell shows off the first copy of his New York daily

Maxwell yacht docked near the United Nations.

However, honeymoons are as short as fame is instant in New York. For the past few days, the media have conveyed the idea that Mr Maxwell may be a little more than a lovable, charming saviour of cherished institutions. One newspaper found evidence

of unrest among the crew of the Lady Ghislaine.

"An imperious master", *The New York Times* declared in a front-page review of the Maxwell style last weekend. "Chauvinists and members of his flight crew are so anxious to avoid Mr Maxwell's wrath that they greet advance word of his arrival with the military

words, 'Let's scramble'."

But Peter McLaughlin, head of the journalists' union branch that negotiated with Mr Maxwell, said he admired his charisma and was not shocked by the way he is alleged to treat subordinates. "From all the movies I've seen, that is the way English lords treat their people," he said.

Brazil halts sales of coffee

FROM LOUISE BYRNE IN RIO DE JANEIRO

IN A surprise move which left coffee growers reeling in disbelief, the Brazilian government suspended its international coffee sales until further notice. According to a government spokesman, the move on Thursday by Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer, was taken in anticipation of the possible signing of a new international coffee agreement. If a new accord is signed, coffee prices could rise by up to 30 per cent.

Talks on the accord broke down in 1989 after Brazilian disagreement on several economic clauses. Negotiated by the International Coffee Organisation, the accord controlled quotas and prices of coffee on the international market. The free market situation since 1989 has led to a fall-off in prices and, some argue, a loss of product quality. There has been pressure on Brazil by other producer countries to renegotiate the international agreement. The government's decision will not affect contracts already signed for this year.

UN agency rejects Pilger film claim

By NICHOLAS WAIT

A UNITED Nations agency said yesterday that its funding for Cambodian refugees could be threatened after John Pilger, the journalist, alleged that it had leased a warehouse in Thailand to the Americans as a weapons store for the Khmer Rouge.

Pilger said in a television film last year that the ownership of the warehouse was classified, while the land was owned by the United Nations Border Relief Operation and had been leased to the American government. He concluded that it was ironic that a humanitarian agency should let its property to a foreign government which allowed it to be used as a military base.

The agency's complaint comes just days after Pilger was awarded the Richard Dimbleby journalism award for the film, *Cambodia: The Betrayal*, which was broadcast on Central Television last October. David Dimbleby, the broadcaster, said the award, in memory of his father, should

not have gone to Pilger on the ground that his reporting was polemical.

Pilger told the Baffa ceremony on Sunday "that a dissenting voice is every bit as legitimate, if not more so, than one respective (sic) of authority".

Alan Doss, director of the UN agency in Thailand, which gives relief to Cambodian refugees, rejected the allegations yesterday and has lodged a complaint with the Independent Television Commission. He said: "These allegations were made on hearsay and by unnamed sources. But we are investigating this because we do not want to leave any stone unturned." His agency did not own any land and did not lease land to anyone. Its work was strictly humanitarian. "Mr Pilger's statement is therefore damaging to Unbro and the United Nations," he said.

He added: "Unbro's funding situation is always precarious and any indication that we are involved in providing military support to the Khmer Rouge could have very serious repercussions with the donor community."

Pilger defended his allegations this week. He said he had spent nine months investigating in Thailand and a source within the agency had confirmed his claims. He said that he had not asked the agency for its comments because he was confident of the allegations and he knew that it would deny them. "If journalism is about reporting official denials then there would be no journalism," he said.



Pilger: spent nine months investigating in Thailand

Ten feared killed in Mali protests

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST 10 people were feared dead and hundreds injured in anti-government rioting in Bamako, the capital of Mali, yesterday, witnesses said. The state radio interrupted its regular programming and said President Moussa Traore would address the nation later.

One doctor said there were 18 bodies at Gabriel Toure hospital in the centre of the capital and at least one body in another Bamako clinic. Official sources later put the number of deaths in Bamako at about 15.

Witnesses in the West African nation's capital said demonstrators demanding an end to one-party rule battled with police, burning and looting shops, factories and gov-

ernment buildings. Witnesses reached by telephone from Abidjan said soldiers responded with submachine guns and tear gas, and then moved cannons and armoured cars into the streets. One witness said: "Everyone has taken to the streets. It's anarchy out there."

Explosions echoed round the city of half a million people as protesters sacked and set on fire Bamako town hall and much of the capital's main commercial and industrial centres. A Belgian medical team will fly to Mali today to help local doctors treat what were said to be hundreds of riot victims, a spokesman for the Médecins Sans Frontières organisation said yesterday.

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In July 1988, expecting British justice to be questioned in the United Nations Sub-Commission on Human Rights, of which I was a member, I obtained a transcript of the Court of Appeal hearing and judgment on the Birmingham Six. Like Lord Lane, the more I read, the more convinced I became that on the 1988 evidence the Court of Appeal was correct in upholding the trial verdict.

I had been willing to credit that police officers had assaulted the prisoners, as prison officers at Winson Green Prison did later, and therefore I carefully scrutinised the suggestion that the police interview timetable had been designed to render incredible claims of assault, threats or oppression. Yet the police evidence could not be faulted by the new evidence. Former police employees who supported the prisoners' claims lacked credibility. And unchallenged spectroscopic analysis showed traces of explosive on the hands of one of the accused. Only

Claire Palley says the judges were not to blame for the 1988 failure of the Birmingham Six appeal

Hindsight should not condemn them

now, with new scientific evidence being produced, it is clear that it is unsafe to uphold the convictions, because it cannot be urged beyond reasonable doubt that explosives were handled by any of the accused or that the police did not force or fabricate confessions. Yet critics, with hindsight, now blame the judges because in 1988 they were not blessed with second sight.

The public should not be misled by articulate critics into thinking deficiencies in the case are judicial: they are caused by failures of political will over 25 years or more, and by successive governments' and parliaments' failure to change the law. Appeal Court judges have negligible room for manoeuvre if the rules of law or procedures are

inadequate, or if, unbeknown to them, evidence placed before them is false. Room for personal evaluation arises rarely — for example, where there is new evidence leaving a judge in doubt he can upset a conviction. Nor would a judge, taking such an important decision be so arrogant as to assume he would always be right.

Critics should direct their ire at parliament for failing to enact laws to deal with the problems of confessions during police questioning and with the criminal appeals system, especially the way it is set in motion and the circumstances in which fresh evidence can be adduced. Some of the complexities have been addressed by the Police and Criminal Evi-



Lord Lane: decision was correct based on evidence at the time

dence Act 1983. Yet difficult decisions are still required: is retrial by jury many years later

appropriate? Should even stricter safeguards be required for admissibility of confessions? Should the Home Secretary act as a minister of justice and be more active in pursuing reform of criminal procedure and intervening in notorious cases?

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, has been criticised for failing to make general pronouncements about the Birmingham case or to resign. But he is not a justice minister and therefore not answerable for the criminal justice system. Further, any remarks could prejudice a future trial of police officers for assault and perjury. Nor is it appropriate for judges to beat their breasts in public when they make mistakes, although it would be

wrong to think they do not agonise in private.

The lack of an emergency powers act with adequate safeguards is also grave. Power to exclude from Britain applies only to those suspected of terrorism concerned with Northern Ireland affairs. This is why Iraqis and Palestinians arrested at the outset of the Gulf war were either pressurised into leaving rather than face deportation proceedings, or were interned under the royal prerogative, or detained under the Immigration Act pending representations to the advisory panel of "three wise men", who can at most advise the Home Secretary that a particular deportation is not justified. Because proper

legislation is absent, the judges have to pick up the pieces either in judicial review proceedings, or in actions for damages, or as members of the advisory panel.

These matters will become more troublesome. International terrorism is likely to increase as the failure to obtain an overall Middle East peace settlement becomes obvious. Parliament should now coolly consider comprehensive legislation and proper safeguards for exclusion and internment, should they be needed.

If it fails to do so, it will again involve itself in potential abuses of power, so risking the possibility of European Community nationals succeeding in the European Court and of others appealing to human rights bodies in the UN and the Council of Europe. It is the responsibility of politicians, not judges, to ensure that the high standards of British justice are maintained.

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Clifford Longley

Mobility in God's house

Anecdotal evidence is accumulating of an unexpected upsurge of involvement in religion in Britain. Whether it be audience figures for religious broadcasting, reports of full churches, or a gut feeling among religious professionals, the indications are too consistent to be easily dismissed.

Such swings have been claimed before, and religious institutions are in the business of eternal optimism. As before, the latest statistics give their predictions little support. A comprehensive census of church attendance on one Sunday in October 1989, conducted by the organisation Marc Europe and published earlier this month, showed that the adult church-going population had declined 1 per cent in ten years, to 10 per cent of the total.

Annual church attendance figures are always a couple of years out of date, as these are, which means an upswing would be well underway before being statistically recorded. The current claim is not just of higher numbers, but partly of "greater commitment" among existing church members. Words like renewal, reawakening and revival are mentioned in private conversations, often by clergymen who are unaware that others have noticed the same thing (and who perhaps like to think that it must be because of some new strength in their individual ministries).

Should these claims be believed? More evidence is needed, but there is one good reason for expecting them to be vindicated. Building societies and estate agents confirm what is easily observed, that houses have become difficult to sell, fewer people are moving. When families move house, particularly to a strange district, they take time to root themselves in their new communities. Habits of church-going are often broken by such disruption, and only slowly re-established, if at all. So a drop in geographical mobility is likely to lift the size of congregations. But it would be wrong to dismiss the effect as purely economic, having no religious significance. The evidence suggests that local churches are real communities. If church-going were a purely individual exercise in praying to one's maker and saving one's soul, one church would be as good as the next and

mobility would make little difference. But it takes time to adapt to, and be accepted into, a new community, and strangers who approach will take one tentative step at a time. If membership of a church means membership of a particular local church community, then a move to another community is a break with that community and in effect a withdrawal of membership, until or unless membership of a new community is established.

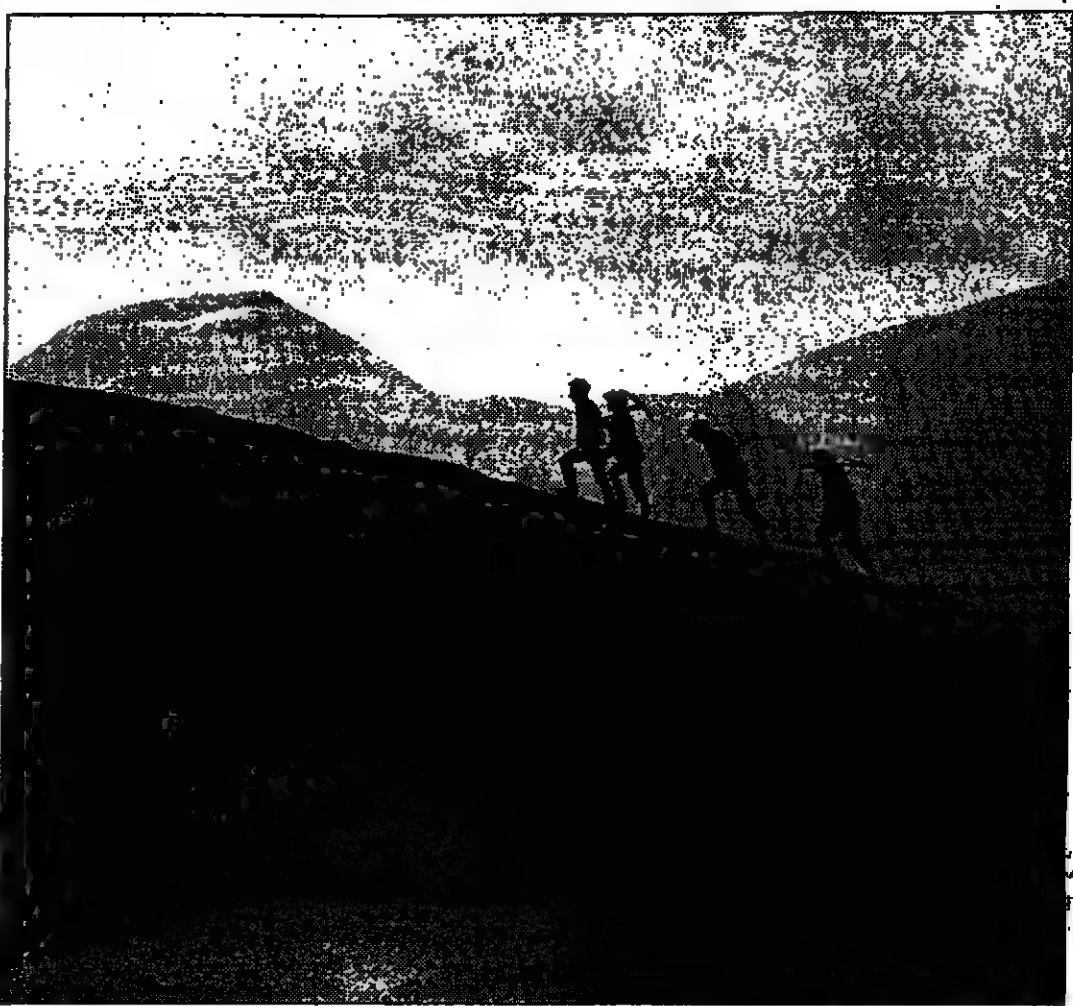
Modern worship emphasises the community — which is why some do not like it. The revised creed begins "We believe..." not "I believe..." The exchange of "the peace" — a kiss, handshake or greeting during eucharistic services — has become general. Modesty is like to be known by their Christian names. The quality of congregational participation in services has improved, and people now understand the words they say. Services are usually less formal; the liturgy has become a means of communication between people in the congregation, as well as communication between the congregation and God. All these encourage involvement and deepen individual faith. They are also likely to build a stronger sense of shared identity and community. This is, of course, likely to raise the barriers between the church community and the society surrounding it.

High mobility is a modern scourge, disrupting more than church membership. Suburbs where few stay more than five years are notorious for isolation and loneliness; rural areas, with much greater population stability, are friendlier by far, and have higher church attendances.

As interest rates fall and the recession ends, the housing market will begin to pick up and mobility will increase. Unless the effect is well understood, and the right steps are taken to counter it, local churches will experience the reverse of the benefits they seem to be enjoying now. But countermeasures will be hard to decide. Communities are organic entities with their own dynamics, and well-meaning manipulation by the clergy to make them seem more superficially welcoming could be self-defeating. The community itself must choose its own "mission to the mobile". But the rewards could be considerable.

Stop fencing in nature

The only way of saving our national parks from the pounding by millions of visitors may be to abolish them, writes Marion Shoard



Uphill struggle: members of the National Trust footpath repair team in the Lake District

On Thursday a Country-side Commission review panel unveiled the outcome of a year-long study of Britain's national parks. After considering more than 400 submissions and meeting more than 50 organisations, it announced 170 proposals, some of which would require a new act of Parliament. Its work received dutiful plaudits, but what will it actually mean for the thousands who will spend much of the Easter holiday trapped in lakeside traffic jams round Windermere or transiting Peak District paths almost pounded away by too many boots?

The answer, sadly, is very little. To deal with a profound malaise, the panel offers a packet of sticking plasters. An opportunity for the fundamental reappraisal that many country-lovers consider essential has been thrown away. Were there to be such a rethink it would be unlikely to deliver a new association of national park authorities, or "twinning" arrangements with overseas parks, as the panel suggests. It would be more likely to light upon an option the panel did not even consider: the abolition of our existing national parks.

Britain's national parks have always been a fraud. Elsewhere in the world a national park is a stretch of land acquired by the state and administered in the national interest. Anyone who has visited the superbly managed national parks of the United States or even Third World wildlife reserves will know what is meant. Yet though national parks were conceived by a Scotsman (John Muir, in 1890), they have never existed in Britain in the form he intended.

At present we have ten so-called national parks, all of them in the uplands of England and Wales. They cover 9 per cent of the land surface, but almost none of this is owned by the park authorities. The land remains in the hands of private landowners, who continue to use it as they think best. All that national park status brings is some minor additional protection for landscape assets, some tiny sums of public money to pay for them and an uncontrolled boost to the number of visitors these assets attract. The review panel's proposals, even if the government implemented them, would leave this essentially unchanged.

As a device for boosting tourism, our parks have been a success, but this has served only to emphasise their failure to do their real job. This, according to the Act of Parliament that created them in 1949, is to conserve and enhance our most beautiful countryside and

enable people to enjoy it. Swamping some of our prime landscape assets with increasingly dissatisfied tourists now imperils rather than advances these objectives.

The way out of our present predicament is not to persuade the government to buy the land in our national parks and run the parks properly on the American model, even if that were feasible. Britain is not like America or Tanzania, where a vast expanse of cheap, relatively uninteresting land includes a few fascinating nuggets that can readily be bought up and subjected to lavish protection and management. What really distinguishes Britain's landscape is not just the upland wilderness enshrined in our

national parks, but the kaleidoscope of moor and mountain alongside field and hedge, down and heath, wood and meadow, pond and stream, in the unique blend which our poets and painters have so often celebrated. The whole point of our rural landscape is that it embodies "a conversation between man and nature" extending throughout the country. This is what we really need to conserve in Britain, not a few natural curiosities like the peysers of Yellowstone or Australia's Ayers Rock.

One of the peculiarities of our present national parks is that the types of landscape they embrace are among the least distinctively British and the least threatened. In

the past 50 years we have lost 10 per cent of our grass and heather moorland in England and Wales. Yet we have lost 80 per cent of our chalk downland turf, a botanically rich ecosystem hardly found outside Britain, which goes unrepresented in any of our national parks.

Lowland heath, on which some of our rarest reptiles and birds are fighting a losing battle for survival, is similarly unrepresented. The review panel takes a step towards acknowledging this by suggesting that the New Forest might become a park, but it also tries to get around it by redefining the purpose of our parks. It says a national park must "provide a sense of wilderness", and

that "venoteness" is one of the existing parks' key assets, though these criteria have no basis in law. If we are to have national parks, they ought at least to embrace a representative selection of our key landscape types. As it is, the existing national parks not only impose pressure on the landscape they embrace, but by their very existence undermine the struggle to protect the countryside as a whole. We expect an outcry whenever a minor road improvement is proposed in a national park. But when the North Downs were threatened by the M25, or the South Downs by the A27 improvement programme, nobody took much notice. After all, those areas could not matter very much or they would have been made into national parks.

As well as hindering conservation, the national parks distort patterns of recreation. While the Peak District is being trampled away, vast swathes of lowland countryside languish unexplored behind "No Trespassers" signs. Surveys suggest many people prefer meadows and woods to the stern uplands of the national parks. Yet the concentration of attention on those parks delays the overdue process of opening up the rest of the countryside.

A country with a population as dense as ours needs to see all its open space as a recreation resource. In many of the German *Landesparke* the law requires all forests, untitled open land, field edges and country paths to be open to the public. In Sweden, there is a universal right of access to the whole of the countryside. Each of these countries also has national parks to conserve particular landscape features, but their task is not confined with that of catering for the rural recreation needs of the population.

It is against this background that the hopeless inadequacy of Thursday's proposals becomes apparent. They contain little to save the parks from the final attraction which goes with their special status; they will do nothing to protect the rest of the countryside from the neglect which flows from the lack of that status. As a result, our real landscape assets will be neither conserved nor exploited as effectively as they should be. The time has come to look afresh at the whole of our countryside. We need new machinery to safeguard its treasures and to enable us to enjoy them.

Marion Shoard is the author of *This Land is our Land* (Grafton).

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

Dr Guillotine, I hope, took little pleasure in the circumstances that linked his name forever with the device. In the London telephone directory I could find a number of McBeths and Macbeths, but only one brave soul prepared to spell their name Macbeth, and nobody owning up to the surname Rasputin.

Judas has ceased to be a popular name for boys. There were no Herods at my school, and, for little girls, the name Medusa seems to have gone right out of fashion. I often wonder how many Myras have been christened in England since the mid-Sixties. How is Imelda doing as a name in the Philippines, these days? Has Idi survived, at the Ugandan font?

Don Juan, though, seems to have done his name no harm at all, and which of us would really mind being called Casanova? It seems so unfair that the original Slack Alice, whoever she was, almost spoiled a pretty name by being no more than the female equivalent to these two.

But I suppose there is a perverse pride to be obtained from being the reason for a sudden, catastrophic drop in the incidence of a given name in the *Times* birth announcements. Has Oscar recovered yet, do you think? I've recently become a little worried about Matthew, having been told last week by a woman I know that her mutual friend, John, was becoming the subject of gossip.

"Why?" I said.

"Well," she replied, "I was talking to a girl at the office, who

knows I'm a friend of John's. She warned me that John might be odd. I asked her what she meant. She said 'Well, he's a friend of Matthew Parris, you know'."

"So how did you react?" I enquired.

"Oh," she said, in her delightfully straightforward Derbyshire way, "I told her that just because someone is a friend of Matthew's, doesn't mean — well, you know, that they're a friend of Matthew's."

Thanks a lot! I picture people sliding up to each other in seedy bars. "Are you a friend of Matthew's?"

"I might be. What's it to you?"

"Can we stick with Dorothy, please?" In return, I promise to make no jokes about sowing wild Parkinsons.

Or are politicians fair game? The events of this week past, at Westminster, call to mind a family breakfast scene, well into the 21st century. Father is in complaining mood. Mother has burnt the toast.

"...And you've Ridleyed the scrambled eggs again."

"What does he mean, Mum?"

"He means I spoilt it by being too violent with the whisk, my child. Mummy's a bit upset. She's just got a letter to say the nearly got the job she applied for, but was Heselinted at the last interview. Now hush, while I see whether I can Patten the offending toast."

"Who was Mr Patten, Mum?"

"I don't matter, dear. Nobody remembers. But to 'Patten' something is to make the best of a bad job. 'Pattening the toast' means scraping off the nastiest

bites and making it look as tasty as you can. You see," she continues, satisfied, "I've removed most of the charcoal. Now wrap up those cinders in newspaper and Thatcher them, will you? I'll put a few extra slices into the toaster."

But Father is still in a complaining mood. In fact he's being a right old Ted this morning. "The mushrooms have stuck to the side and burned. Did you forget to Baker the pan?"

"We're out of grease. I did think about going to the supermarket this morning. There's also a lot to be said for stocking up on groceries. But getting the carpet cleaned will also be a priority under my household management plan. Meanwhile I'm deeply conscious of the need, too, to give the furniture a..."

"Oh do stop Knocking and make up your mind. There are times when you seem to lose all touch with reality. The way you gibber on, I'd swear you had a touch of the Bums..."

Father is halted in his tracks by the smell of smoke. "What's that smell?"

"Oh Lord. I've burnt the toast again."

"What a mess! You've made a right poll..."

Mother covers their little boy's ears. "Never, never say that word in front of the children!" She uncovers the ears.

"What did he say, Mum?"

"Daddy was comparing breakfast to the community charge."

"What was the community charge, Mummy?"

"It was a very silly thing, my darling, a long, long time ago."

Who is the radical now?

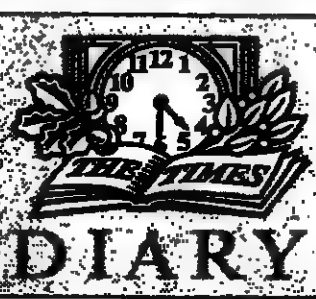
The kerfuffle over Prince Charles's recent remarks on proportional representation has not only divided politicians. It has also split the ranks of the Radical Society. Professor Stephen Haseler, the society's chairman, wrote sternly to *The Times* saying the prince's reported remarks about his preferred electoral system "overset the proper bounds of propriety of a constitutional monarchy." He continued, "There is something faintly ridiculous about an unelected prince lecturing us all on the merits of electoral systems."

But Haseler has now been accused of committing a constitutional gaffe of his own, by writing on behalf of the society without first consulting its membership. Lord Pearson of Rannoch, one of the society's co-founders, says even if that were the case, "Professor Haseler is welcome to his gripe about the royal family, but the rest of us should not be tarred with his envious little brush. He deserves a rocket from the executive committee."

The society — whose members include Lord Marsh, Norman Tebbit, Professor Norman Stone, Brian Walden and Lord Chalfont — was not consulted about the contents of the letter.

This is an unfair and dishonourable attack on Prince Charles," says Pearson. "Haseler was trading on a passing remark about proportional representation that was made by Prince Charles in a private conversation. We believe in radical discussion. The society is not Professor Haseler's personal fiefdom. Prince Charles has shown himself to be a true radical. Professor Haseler has shown himself to be something quite different."

But the professor is unshaken. "It was a legitimate point of view."



put forward to provoke discussion and debate, which is the purpose of the society. I think Lord Rannoch is being a little harsh. I was objecting on a very important constitutional point. Alternative points of view should be applauded within a society set up to provoke a radical debate."

Not every Labour politician wanted to abuse Michael Heseltine on his 58th birthday. After administering the last rites to the poll tax, Heseltine met local government leaders in Whitehall and was delighted when Sir Jack Layden, Labour leader of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, led his colleagues in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthdays to You". Only one person didn't croon: Margaret Hodge, the Labour leader of Islington. She described the performance as creepy.

Pandanus Unlike humans the panda community is unperturbed by the moral problems posed by virgin births. Shuan Shuan, a 4½-year-old female giant panda who lives at Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City, has never known romance. Instead, two scientists from London's Regent's Park zoo are in Mexico today to inseminate her artificially.

Shuan Shuan has come on heat for the first time, and will remain so for only four days. Speed is

essential. Indeed, she is fertile so rarely that zoo-keepers were not even sure she was a girl until she displayed characteristically female panda behaviour such as raising her tail and bleating.

Chia Chia, who arrived in Mexico Zoo in 1988 to sire some baby pandas, will be the donor for Shuan Shuan. Some of his sperm has already been frozen and is kept in storage at Chapultepec Zoo, but scientists have also taken with them the necessary equipment for a donor operation, which must have intrigued staff manning the X-ray scanner at Heathrow.

In all for safe sex but this is ridiculous

Altruism in a glass Sir Charles Irving, the Tory MP for Cheltenham, is on the brink of concluding a deal to sell a £45,000 consignment of 12-year-old House of Commons own-brand Scotch whisky to a big Japanese company.

Sir Charles, chairman of the Commons catering committee, was approached by a group of Japanese businessmen after they had visited the Palace of Westminster and sampled the product, which carries the portcullis logo on the label. It is regarded in Tokyo as a prestige symbol of Britain's parliamentary heritage

and a top-class designer label. They are prepared to pay the full price of £15 a bottle," says Irving. "Discussions are at an advanced stage. It would be a valuable and prestigious export order for the House of Commons."

Irving, who is standing down as catering chairman next month after 12 years, has stipulated the whisky cannot be sold on in the high streets of Japan, but must only be used for corporate entertaining. While delighted by the prospect of the deal, the gin-drinking MP was unable to add a personal recommendation. "I never touch the stuff," he says. "It makes me feel sick."

Divided loyalties This year's Royal Tournament at Epsom Court in July will boast an unusual skirmish. One hundred and fifty members of the Arizona Civil War Council will re-enact a night battle between the forces of the Confederacy and the Union.

Organiser Bill Graham-Judson, an Arizona deputy-sheriff, is in London this week arranging the shipment of uniforms, rifles and artillery pieces.

"We will stage two mock battles at the tournament," he says. "Because half the group have southern sympathies and the other half northern, the Confederacy will win in the afternoon and the Union in the evening." Graham-Judson, wearing a grey colonel's uniform in the first attack and a blue one in the second, will be the only participant on both winning sides.

The finals of the W. H. Smith jigsaw championships are being held today at the company's Sloane Square headquarters, with Patricia Yukonano tipped to win. She has consistently completed jigsaws in record time in the local heats. Her secret? Don't start at the edges. Assemble the brightly coloured pieces in the centre first, then work outwards.

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THE ORDEAL OF IRAQ

NAMING NAMES

A similar fate awaits the challenge: "Well, what about Ormond Quay, then?" Who knows that the first Duke of Ormonde (*sic*)

That is not the way the conversation will run, of course. There is not enough laughter in it, and not enough gentle bitterness. The Irish can be selective in their self-criticism. But is 75 years after the Easter Uprising (marked next weekend) too soon to expect them to be sensible about their British connection? *Until they are, will they ever really cherish what they have? Discuss, and still time for another . . .*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mixed response to 'death' of community charge

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**From Mr Peter Bottomley, MP
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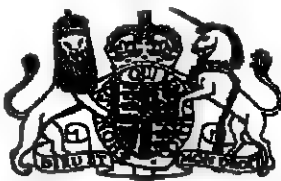
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 22: The Queen today continued her visit to Merseyside and Greater Manchester and was received at Edge Hill Station, Liverpool by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

Her Majesty, Patron, this morning visited the Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool and, having been received by Mr John Smith (President of the School) and the Headmaster (Mr Derek Marks), toured the School and unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark its Bicentenary.

Afterwards the Queen, Patron, visited the Oakwood, Cheshire Home, Offerton. She was received by Mr John Smith (President of the School) and the Headmaster (Mr Derek Marks), toured the School and unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark its Bicentenary.

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The Queen later honoured the Mayor of Stockport (Councillor Douglas West) with her presence at luncheon at Stockport Town Hall.

Afterwards Her Majesty went to Mersey Square and unveiled a plaque commemorating her visit to Stockport.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robin Jarvis and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, was represented by Brigadier H. T. Pierson at the Funeral of Colonel Christopher Troughton which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Frodingfield, Epsom, Surrey, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 22: Commandant A. Layton today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Commandant in Chief, Women's Royal Naval Service, upon relinquishing her appointment as Director of the Service.

Commandant A. Spencer also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming her appointment as Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 22: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Appeal, received Macmillan Nurses at Highgrove, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Dinners

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
Mr David Bee, Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr William O'Neill, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation, and Mr Ray Kipling, RNLI, also spoke.

Dryed Shrivels
The Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed and Lady Mary Mansel Lewis attended a dinner of the Dyfed Shrivels held last night at Trinity College, Carmarthen. The High Sheriff of Dyfed presided and Mr Justice Francis Evans also spoke. Sir Geraint and Lady Evans and Lady French were among others present.

Association of County Court and District Registrars
The Right Hon. the Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, accompanied by the Lady Mackay, attended the annual dinner of the Association of County Court and District Registrars held at the Law Society's Hall last night and responded to the toast to the guests proposed by the president, District Judge F.J. Arnold. Other guests included: the Hon. Mr Justice Goff, the Hon. Mr Justice Nourse, the Hon. Mr Justice Bristow, the Hon. Mr Justice Gage, the Hon. Mr Justice Goff, the Hon. Mr Justice Nourse, the Hon. Mr Justice Bristow, the Hon. Mr Justice Gage.

Service dinners
The Hon Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was a speaker at a dinner held last night at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Army Catering Corps. Lieutenant-General Sir John Willey, Representative Colonel Commander A.C.C., presided.

RAF Dinner Club
Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Air Staff, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF Dinner Club held last night at the RAF Club, Air Commodore D.T. Davies presided. Among those present were: the Hon. Mr Justice Goff, the Hon. Mr Justice Nourse, the Hon. Mr Justice Bristow, the Hon. Mr Justice Gage.

Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron
Professor Evelyn A.V. Eborworth, Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University, was the guest of honour at the 50th annual dinner of the Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron held last night at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne. Squadron Leader M.J. Baker presided. Air Marshal Sir Thomas Storer, Group Director and Controller, National Air Traffic Services, and Air Vice-Marshal R.M. Austin, Air Officer Commanding and Commander, RAF College Cranwell, were among those present.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor H.C. Allen, American historian, 74; Mr Norman Bailey, baritone, 58; Sir Roger Bannister, master, Pembroke College, Oxford, and first man to run sub-four-minute mile, 62; Mr Bryan Bass, headmaster, City of London School, 57; Mr Barry Cress, comedian and writer, 56; Marshal of the RAF Lord Eborworth, 80; Mr Peter Godfrey, chartered accountant, 67; Lord Jay, 84; Mr Alvin Kurosawa, film director, 81; Sir David McNeil, former commissioner of Metropolitan Police, 66; Mr Michael Manser, architect, 62; Mr Alfred Morris, MP, 63; Sir Ralph Perring, former Lord Mayor of London, 86; Mr Desmond Pilling, former engineer, 55; Mr Sheridan Russell, medical social worker, 91; Sir Ian Todd, former president, Royal College of Surgeons, 70; Sir Edward Warner, diplomat, 80; Sir Denis Wright, diplomat, 80.

TOMORROW: Mr Roy

Stowe School
Stowe School announces the following results:
School Certificate Examination 1991: William Smith, 1st; David McNeil, 2nd; Norman Bailey, 3rd; Roger Bannister, 4th; Bryan Bass, 5th; Barry Cress, 6th; Michael Manser, 7th; Alfred Morris, 8th; Ralph Perring, 9th; Desmond Pilling, 10th; Sheridan Russell, 11th; Ian Todd, 12th; Edward Warner, 13th; Denis Wright, 14th.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford
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Forthcoming marriages
Mr J.B. Driscoll and Miss P.J. Mansell
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr B.C. Driscoll and of Mrs M.E. Driscoll, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Penelope, daughter of the late Wing Commander J.A. Mansell and of Mrs A.C. Barker, of Bury, Hampshire.

Monmouth School
Monmouth School has made the following awards for September 1991:
School Certificate Examination 1991: William Smith, 1st; David McNeil, 2nd; Norman Bailey, 3rd; Roger Bannister, 4th; Bryan Bass, 5th; Barry Cress, 6th; Michael Manser, 7th; Alfred Morris, 8th; Ralph Perring, 9th; Desmond Pilling, 10th; Sheridan Russell, 11th; Ian Todd, 12th; Edward Warner, 13th; Denis Wright, 14th.

Prized Parham
Parham, a stone built period house near Falmouth, West Sussex, has been named winner of the Garden of the Year award organized by Christie's and the Historic Houses Association. The Elizabethan house is the home of Mrs Veronica Triton, granddaughter of the first Viscount Cowdray.

Appointments
Latest appointments include: Air Marshal Sir Michael Graydon to be Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Strike Command and Commander in Chief UK Air on May 31, in the rank of Air Chief Marshal. He succeeds Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, whom he will also succeed as Joint Commander for Operation Granby, and who is retiring from the Service.

OBITUARIES

EDWARD CALVERT

Edward Spence Calvert, OBE, a scientific officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, from 1928 to 1967, died on March 16 aged 89. He was born at Portadown, Northern Ireland, on March 5, 1902.

Edward Calvert was a research scientist who had many important developments in the sphere of aviation aids to his credit, notably runway visual approach systems. But among the more memorable assignments he undertook was the design of the spotlights which enabled the Lancaster bombers of 617 squadron to carry out one of the most famous air raids in Bomber Command's history — the attack on the Ruhr dams in 1943.

The idea for the lights came from Sir Ben Lockspeiser of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, but it was Calvert who came up with a workable design at a time when the whole operation was running desperately short of time in which to solve the vital question of how to maintain level flight at 60 feet, the height at which Barnes Wallis's dam-busting bombs had to be released to achieve their precisely calculated effect. For weeks 617's aircraft had been plunging around the British countryside at perilously low levels in the darkness, cursing the ineffectiveness of their altimeters and frequently coming back to base with foliage from treetops jammed in their elevators. Gray Gibson, the leader of the raid, was near to despair. Lockspeiser's idea, put into practical effect by Calvert, was simplicity itself and provided a foolproof method of maintaining height. A spotlight under the nose and another under the belly of the aircraft were fixed to converge at 60 feet below the aircraft as they made their runs over water up to the dams. The rest is history.

Calvert was educated at the Methodist College, Belfast from where he won a scholarship, at the age of 16, to the Royal College of Science in Dublin. On leaving Dublin he went as a college apprentice to Metropolitan Vickers in Manchester where he had experience in all the workshops. One of the highlights of his time in Manchester was to go on the stage, with other apprentices from Metropolitan Vickers, as soldiers in *Aida*, in which Eva Turner was performing.

After Manchester Calvert went to the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough, to do research work. There one of his first major tasks was to respond to an urgent request to improve the light bulbs in the gun sights in fighter planes at the beginning



of the war, as each time the guns were fired the lights went out. He saw what was needed and went quickly to bulb manufacturers to ask if they could reinforce the bulbs. After two unsuccessful requests, Siemens agreed to do the job. Within a few days, the new bulbs were made and Calvert took them round to fighter stations, where they were fitted into the guns. There was no more trouble.

Then Calvert received an SOS from the air officer commanding in Northern Ireland. Some of the aircraft on Atlantic patrol returning to base at Lough Foyle were crashing on the high hills in the narrow approach from the sea to the loch. Calvert went

over to see the area and returned to the RAE where he evolved a scheme of sector lighting which he hoped would solve the problem. With the help of his assistant Jack Sparks, Calvert towed a generator from outside his office at Farnborough to Northern Ireland. The lights were erected and there were no more crashes. A grateful Northern Ireland air chief wrote a letter of thanks to them.

One of Calvert's main contributions to aviation safety was his work on landing lights at airports to help pilots land in poor visibility. After a great deal of research and test work on lights and runway markings at an airfield in California, Calvert and Jack Sparks flew to Berlin to see the first lights installed for the Berlin airlift in 1948. These proved so successful that, when first question was 'What are you wearing today?' if it was something yellow — or even something threaded with yellow ribbon — I was nearly always sick. We were sick a great deal. It was brought on not only by being driven about in large yellow Rolls-Royces but also by any kind of emotion.

For his contribution to aviation safety Calvert was awarded in 1980 the Monsanto Aviation Safety Award, an American honour of which he was the first non-American recipient. He received many other awards for his work on air safety.

After retiring as head of the illumination section at Farnborough in 1967 his great interests were reading, gardening and walking in the country. He leaves his widow Margaret, whom he married in 1960. There were no children.

LORD HOLMPATRICK

Lord Holmpatrick, third baron, has died at Trim, Ireland, aged 62. He was born on November 29, 1928.

JAMES, Lord Holmpatrick was a quintessential member of the vanishing Anglo-Irish protestant ascendancy. He was a great-grandson of Wellington; his grandfather, the first baron, was the last unionist member of parliament returned to Westminster for the County of Dublin.

Holmpatrick succeeded as third baron in 1942. He was at school at Eton and served in

the Lancs for five years before returning to live in Ireland. The family estate had been sold and he earned a living for many years as an executive at the Turf Club where he became Keeper of the Matchbook in 1974. It is probably true to say that his services to the club did not obtain the recognition they deserved and he moved in the late Seventies to Kenya where he was secretary of the Jockey Club.

In recent years he ran shoots and fishing holidays in Ireland and was active on the committees of the Royal Dublin

Society. He was a central figure in the ex-Unionist Kildare Street Club and member of the Masonic Order and was active in protestant charities.

He inherited the short span of his life with a body to share his burdens. If he had a fault it was that he under-rated his own abilities. He was a very private person and not much interested in public affairs. Although he took his seat in the House of Lords he never spoke.

His former wife and three sons survive him. The eldest, Hans Hamilton, succeeds him.

Church services tomorrow

Palm Sunday

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The Rev. Canon J. H. G. Jones, Rector, will officiate. The choir will sing. The service will be broadcast on Radio 4.

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Memorial services

Lord Knebly of Adel
The Prime Minister was represented by Mr Timothy Kirkhope, MP, at a memorial service for Lord Knebly of Adel held yesterday at St. Michael's, Kensington, London.

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LAVINIA SMILEY

Lavinia Smiley, author, painter and donor of Castle Fraser to the National Trust for Scotland, has died aged 72. She was born on February 7, 1919.

LAVINIA Smiley was an artist and writer who gave one of north-eastern Scotland's finest houses, Castle Fraser, to the National Trust for Scotland. The Fraser daughter, Westman Pearson, first Viscount Cowdray, founder of one of Britain's greatest business empires, and daughter of Clive Pearson, his younger son whose acumen was largely responsible for extending the family's wealth, she was brought up in great opulence.

Her childhood, poignantly and amusingly described in the evocative memoirs of her early years, *A Nice Clean Plate*, was a curious mixture of strictness and tormenting shyness amid security and humour, as the title, echoing a nanny's exhortation, implies. "We were all dressed alike," she recalled. "If our clothes had not already been laid out, our first question was 'What are you wearing today?' If it was something yellow — or even something threaded with yellow ribbon — I was nearly always sick. We were sick a great deal. It was brought on not only by being driven about in large yellow Rolls-Royces but also by any kind of emotion."

Worse, yellow was her grandparents' prescribed col-

our — for the windows and doors of all their houses, as well as for cars and even prams. ("Lord Lonsdale also had everything yellow," she wrote. "But his colour was nearer primrose than butter. Ours was Jersey butter.")

After the war, she and Major Michael Smiley, whom she married in 1939, set about improving the castle and estate of Castle Fraser, acquired by the Pearsons from the last Mackenzie-Fraser owner after the first world war. Generously endowed and exquisitely restored, it was made over to the National Trust for Scotland in 1977, while the Smileys continued to farm, entertain and do many good works for the county of Aberdeen from the castle's charmingly converted stables.

Lavinia Smiley wrote seven well-received children's books, as well as the National Trust's book on Castle Fraser and a scholarly and touching chronicle of 19th century life, *The Frasers of Castle Fraser*. She was a skilled illustrator, with a distinctive half pen-and-ink wash technique, which has captured the flavour of many houses, simple as well as grand, across the country.

Though shy and sometimes retiring, she had strength of character, kindness, wit and a sense of fun that won her many devoted friends and admirers. She is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

NORAH SCHUSTER

Norah Henriette Schuster, past president of the Association of Clinical Pathologists, died on March 14 aged 98. She was born on July 14, 1892.

THE daughter of Professor Sir Arthur Schuster, FRS, Norah Schuster was educated at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she got a first in the natural science tripos, and she qualified from the Manchester Medical School in 1918. Her interest in the relatively new speciality of clinical pathology led her to work in the laboratory of Manchester Royal Infirmary under Professor H. R. Dean. Later she became house physician at St George's Hospital, and then resident pathologist at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square.

Dr Schuster was a practising clinical pathologist in the early days when it was an under-privileged specialty, but of great potential importance. She ensured that as clinical pathologist she became a key figure in the running of her hospitals. Her main appointment was at the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, London, where she worked from 1927 to 1939 and from 1943 to 1954 when the hospital was demolished. From 1939 to 1943 she was in the emergency medical service. She wanted to retire at the end of the war, but was

persuaded to start a pathological department at Pinewood Hospital, Woking. She finally retired in 1959.

Her pre-eminence are vividly described in her memoir "A clinical pathologist day by day" which was published for private circulation in 1983. In 1950 she was elected the first woman president of the Association of Clinical Pathologists.

Dr Schuster became an enthusiastic founder fellow of the College of Pathologists — now the Royal College of Pathologists — in 1962. She was made an honorary fellow in 1981. Two years later she was made an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. Her interest in medical history led her to make substantial donations to the library of the Royal College of Pathologists. She was a keen historian, and published several papers on this subject.

Dr Schuster inspired deep devotion in her numerous friends. Although restricted by disability in later years, she continued to get to meetings, and she was a familiar figure at the Oler Club and other medical societies.

Although known professionally by her maiden name of Schuster, she married Mariott Nicholls FRCS in 1924, who predeceased her. There were no children.

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Service luncheon

Brigadier M.A. Atherton, Deputy Colonel of The Grenadier Guards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment), presided at the annual luncheon for officers and their ladies held yesterday at The Queens Club.

University Pitt Club

The University Pitt Club will have a dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall, EC2, on Friday, May 10, 1991. Members wishing to attend should write to Simon Duckworth, U.P.C., Jem's Lane, Cambridge.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Cracking good fun for Easter

LONDON

□ **Egg challenge:** Children's egg hunt on the decks of a warship. HMS Belfast, Morgan's Lane, Tooley Street, SE1 (071-407 6434). Mar 30, 31, Apr 1, 10am-6pm; £3.50, child £1.75.

□ **Four days of fun:** Egg treasure hunt, egg painting and Easter bonnet competition. Piazza, Covent Garden, WC2. Mar 29-Apr 1, noon-5pm, free.

□ **Gospel choir:** Traditional gospel music with the London Community Gospel Choir. Queen Elizabeth Hall, SE1 (071-928 8800). Mar 30, 7.45pm; £5.50-£12.

□ **Parade:** Seventy floats, marching bands and cheer leaders in a two-mile procession. Also a fun fair, children's activities, and a jazz tent. Battersea Park, SW11; Mar 31; from noon, parade 3pm; free.

□ **Harness horse racing:** Working horses at their gleaming best. Veterinary inspections and judging from 9.30am. Grand parade of winners at noon. Regents Park, NW1; Apr 1, free.

□ **Urban farm:** Animals, children's rides, clowns, Morris dancers, craft fair, barbecue and barn dance. Houslow Urban Farm, Fages Road, Feltham, Middlesex; Mar 31, 10am-5pm; free.

□ **Record breaking bonnets:** Children try to build the largest Easter bonnet in the world. Paper, crayons and scissors provided. On Mar 31, all children wearing a bonnet admitted free; competition at 2pm. Guinness World of Records, Trocadero, Piccadilly, W12 (071-439 7331); £4.50, child £4.15 £2.85. Bonnet building free.

□ **Rabbit extravaganza:** Animal trails and quizzes with 40,000 prizes, a rabbit care corner, chick and duckling hatchlings. Regents Park, NW1 (071-722 3333); Mar 29-Apr 1, 10am-6pm; £5.20, child £3.20.

□ **Film magic:** The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad, today, 11am and 2.30pm; £2.50, child £2. Rosie the Clown on stage with juggling, mime, magic, acrobatics and audience participation; Mar 30, 11am and 2.30pm; prices as above. Mad Hatter's tea party (animated adventure); Apr 6, 11am and 2.30pm; prices as above. Barbican Children's Cinema Club, Cinema 1, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-838 4141). Annual membership £2.50 (at door).

□ **Music and dance:** London Concert Orchestra plays popular classics for a family audience. Apr 1, 7.45pm; £8.50-£14.50, children under 16 half-price. The Ernest Read Symphony Orchestra and principal dancers from the Birmingham Royal Ballet present scenes from Coppélia and music from the classical ballet repertoire. Apr 3, 3.30pm; £5-£8.50, children under 16 half-price. Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891).

□ **Puppets:** Varied daytime programme of puppets and marionettes. From today to Apr 6. Little Angel Marionette Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, off Cross Street, N1. Full programme details on 071-226 1787.

□ **Opera:** Welsh National Opera's chamber version of Humperdinck's

Hansel and Gretel: pocket-sized first opera for children. Lyric Theatre Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; the book, Mon-Sat until Mar 30, 7.30pm; matinee Mar 27 and 30, 2.30pm; £7.50-£16; family group concessions.

□ **Fairytale on screen:** The Little Mermaid, today and tomorrow. Home Alone, Apr 6-7. National Film Theatre 2, Southbank, SE1 (071-928 3233); all showings 4pm, £3.50, child £2.50.

□ **Escape:** Pop-up Theatre's play for seven to 11-year-olds about Houdini. Tues-Fri, Mar 26-30, 14, group bookings £3.70, schools and morning performances £3. Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19. Full details of Easter programme on 081-343 4888.

□ **Fantastic Songs:** Songs and stories from around the world for five to 11-year-olds, games, jokes, games and face-painting for seven to 12-year-olds, and a chance for nine to 12-year-olds to write and perform their own play. Mar 30 to Apr 6. Tricycle Theatre, 66 Kilburn High Road, NW6. Full details on 071-338 1000.

□ **Frankie's Monster:** For children over eight, today, 2.30pm; Mar 28, 1.30pm; £3, £4, £5. Stig of the Dump: stage version of Clive King's book. Mar 24, 2.30pm; Mar 27, 10.15am and 1.30pm; Mar 30, 2.30pm, and until Apr 14. Prices as above. Unicorn Theatre, 6 Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 3334).

□ **Battersea Charity:** Good Friday service followed by the distribution of hot cross buns. St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, EC1; Mar 29, 11.30am.

□ **Dockyard:** Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore, by students of the Arts Educational School in the Dockyard Church, come in Victorian dress. Mad Hatter's tea party - family event with treasure hunt, party games, Punch & Judy. Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent. "Pinafore" gala performance, Mar 27, 6.30pm, then Mar 28, 29, 30, 7.45pm, and 3.30pm matinees on last two days; £4.50, child £3. Tea party Apr 1 from 2pm, £4.50, child £2.50. Information and booking on 0634 812551.

□ **Brass rubbing:** Fifty-five different brasses, including animals, medieval birth signs, and royals. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-437 6023). Mar 23-Apr 30, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-6pm, closed Mar 29. Children half-price if adult makes a rubbing.

BRIGHTON

□ **April foolery:** Twenty performing clowns in an informal show. Palace Pier, Apr 1, 11am-5pm; free.

BRISTOL

□ **The Big Friendly Giant:** Stage adaptation of the popular Roald Dahl story.

Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, BS1 4UZ (0272 299444). Today 2pm and 7pm; £6-£8; £2 discount for children's matinee tickets.

CARDIFF

□ **All Wales Festival of Theatre for Young People:** Second week of a varied programme of plays and seminars for children of all ages. All tickets £1-£2.50. Sherman Theatre, Senghennydd Road, Park Place. Full details on 02222 230451.

CHILTERNHAM

□ **All-Electric Puppet Theatre:** Captain Crab and pirate crew encounter penguins, mermaids and Peg Leg Pete. Everyman Theatre, Regent's Street (0242 572573). Apr 6, 1.30pm and 3.30pm; £3.

HULL

□ **Yogi Bear and the Time Machine:** Television cartoon character on stage with music, magic and comedy. Hull City Hall, Victoria Square (0482 226655). Apr 7, 2.30pm; £3.50, child £2.75.

LEEDS

□ **Teething Troubles:** Fast-moving, unusual comedy with Gary Wilmot and Jessica Muschamp.

Grand Theatre, 46 New Brigsteade, BS1 4UZ (0272 299444). Today 2pm and 7pm; £6-£8; £2 discount for children's matinee tickets.

LIVERPOOL

□ **Philharmonia's children's concert:** Percussion from Kanakantanto, the master drummers from Ghana. Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (051-709 3789). Apr 6, 11.15am; £3.50, child £2.50.

□ **Mr Spoons Goes to Business:** Puppet show by the Playboard Puppet Theatre, with characters made from everyday objects. Southport Arts Centre, Lord Street, Southport (0704 540011). Today, 1.30pm and 4pm; £3.75, child £2.75. Also varied programme of Easter events.

MANCHESTER

□ **Jellyfishes:** Madcap show suitable for four to 11-year-olds. Royal Exchange Theatre (061-833 9835). Mar 30, 1pm; £2, child £1.50.

□ **The Secret of NIMH:** Animation, today; Race for Your Life Charlie Brown, Mar 26 and 27; The Never-Ending Story, Mar 28 and 30. Cornerhouse Arts Centre, 70 Ox-

ford Road (061-228 2463). All shows 2pm, £1.75, child £1.

OXFORD

□ **Red, Jane and Freddy on stage:** The Rainbow crew from the small screen put together their own entertainment mix of music and fun. Apollo Theatre, George Street (0865 244944). Apr 5, 4.30pm; £4.50, child £3.50.

NORWICH

□ **The Frog Prince:** Half life-size and puppets in an updated version of the old fairy story. Norwich Puppet Theatre, St James, Whitefriars (0603 629921). Mar 26-Apr 6 (except Mar 29, 31 and Apr 1), 2.30pm; £3.50, child £2.50.

SWANSEA

□ **Greases:** Start of a national tour for the record-breaking musical. Grand Theatre, Singleton Street (0792 471715). Apr 3 and 4, 3pm and 7.30pm; Apr 5, 7.30pm.

□ **Grim Tales:** Exhibition of props, costumes, models, and sets used for the Channel 4 series.

Workshops, story-telling and video for six to seven-year-olds. Apr 3, mask-making for four to six-year-olds, Apr 4, 3D pictures for six to eight-year-olds, Apr 5. Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1. Museum admission, £4.95, child £3.50. Workshops, £1.50 per child (booking, 071-928 3535).

□ **What On Earth! The Tiebreak:** Touring Theatre Company presents a play for seven to 12-year-olds to compliment the new ecology exhibition. Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 9123). Mar 28, Apr 2-5, 2pm; Apr 6, 7, 13, 11.30am and 2pm. Museum admission, £3, child £1.50.

□ **Yorkshire mining:** Until Apr 7, exhibition about the life of the miner. On Mar 31, an Easter egg hunt - free entry for under-16s. Also a permanent Brookdale nature trail through mixed woodland. Yorkshire Mining Museum, Captham Colliery, Overton, Wakefield (0924 848806).

□ **Story-telling:** Tales for seven to 11-year-olds linked to the exhibition "Twilight of the Tsar: Russian Art at the Turn of the Century". Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1; Apr 2-6 from 10am; adult and child £2.50, £1 for additional adults. Booking essential (071-921 0886).

□ **Roman army day:** Slide talk on the Romans in the Lecture Theatre, 10.45am, followed by display of Roman drill and fighting tactics. Programme repeated at 1.15pm. British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555); Mar 30, free.

□ **No 1 at Kew:** New steam railway engine gives free rides to children of all ages. Kew Bridge Steam Museum, Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, Middlesex. Mar 30-Apr 1, 11am-5pm, £2.10, child £1, under-fives, free.

□ **Children at war:** Prize family competition (entry forms until Apr 28) and talks about evacuation in the second world war, Apr 4, 2pm. Three documentary films with four screenings daily, from Mar 29 to Apr 12.

□ **Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Rd, SE1 (071-416 5000).**

□ **Gilbert & Sullivan:** Find out more about the creative partnership, decorate your family Japanese kimono for The Mikado, and listen to song extracts.

□ **National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, WC2.** Apr 2-5, 10am-2pm, free. Booking essential (contact the education department, 071-306 0055).

□ **Youth Hostel Association hall:** Unless otherwise stated, all holidays are for those aged 16 and over.

□ **Hill-walking, mountain biking, canoeing and pony-trekking** for 12 to 16-year-olds at the Easdale Activity

Centre in the Peak District. Five nights from Mar 28, £149. Pony-trekking in Capetlyn for riders of all abilities. Two nights from Apr 5, £69.

□ **Peaks walking:** some gentle, some strenuous. Based at the Easdale Activity Centre. Two nights from Apr 5, £69.

□ **Chinning from the Easdale Activity Centre:** for those with some previous climbing experience. Two nights from Apr 5, £69.

□ **Beginners' climbing at Pen-y-Paen:** Two nights from Apr 5, £25.

□ **Sailing, canoeing, windsurfing and white water rafting at Bala, north Wales.** Three days from Mar 28, £125. Two days from Apr 5, £89.

□ **White water canoeing, based in Llangollen.** Three days from Mar 28, £69.

□ **Sandysailing along the sands at Borth, mid Wales.** Weekend course from Apr 5, £69.

□ **For brochures and booking:** contact YHA Information Dept, Trevelyan House, 8 St Stephen's Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire (0727 55215; direct telephone reservations 0727 45047).

□ **Clothing:** A chance to explore the art of clothing. Workshops for children over nine.

□ **Riverdale Studio, Crisp Road, W9 (081-748 3354).** Today, 10am-noon; £2.

□ **Macheth's project:** A one-day event for English/drama teachers and students aged over 16. Text exploration/rehearsal workshop with the actors is followed by a 70-minute performance of scenes from the play.

□ **Acland Burghley School, Burghley Road, NW3; Mar 25, 26, 27 and 28, 10.30am-3.30pm; £12, students £5; bookable only through National Theatre, Southbank, SE1 (071-928 2252).**

□ **Crafts:** Series of children's and family workshops from arts and crafts to drumming and boomerang making. Modest charges for individual workshops.

□ **Hornton Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 (081-699 1874).** from Mar 27; modest admission.

□ **Spice Workshop:** Three artists help children to build a space capsule with household items. All materials provided, including protective clothing.

□ **Royal Air Force Museum, Cranborne Way, Weybridge (081-205 4266).** Apr 3-4, 10am-6pm, £4, child £2.

□ **Museum of Mankind:** For nine to 12-year-olds and families; discover the sound of Africa and make your own musical instruments - materials provided. Apr 3. Also, help prepare for the Christian Easter and the Muslim Eid. Apr 6.

□ **Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, W1 (071-323 8043).** free.

□ **Interex 91:** International modernist railway exhibition. Lay-outs, trade stands and working demonstrations, plus clubs and societies.

□ **Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, SW7; Mar 30-Apr 4; £6, child £3; family tickets £15. More details on 071-833 1840.**

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Stringing along with kites



Air apparent: kites - and flyers - come in all shapes and sizes

The term "go fly a kite" may have pejorative connotations for Westerners, but to the people of China, Japan, Korea, east India and Malaysia, where kite flying is an ancient tradition, such a statement would be welcome.

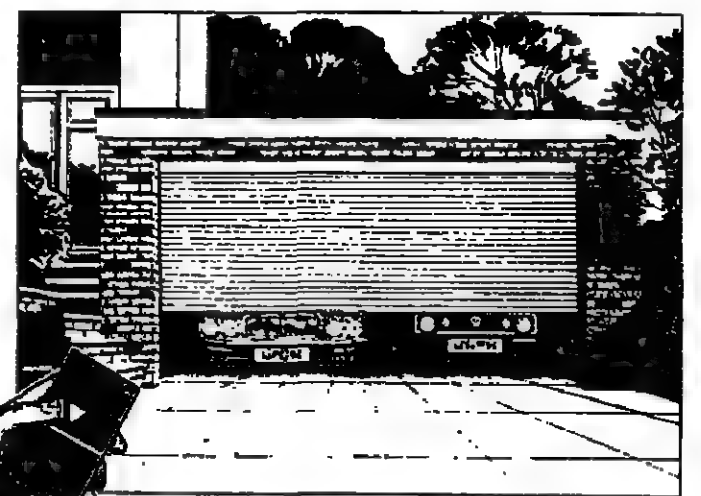
Said to have been invented by the Greek philosopher Archytas of Tarentum in the 4th century BC, the kite - so called in English because of its resemblance aloft to the eponymous bird of prey - has been used as a scientific tool since the 18th century; in 1752, for example, Benjamin Franklin used one to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning. These days, even the whisper of a fair breeze will stir nostalgic adults and their offspring to take to the nearest slope with a kite.

If you would like to join in the fun with other enthusiasts, visit the kite festival at Blackheath, south London, over Easter. There you will find kite-trading stalls, team stunt demonstrations, kite trains, Japanese fighting kites and parachuting teddy bears. Watch, or take your own kite and join in.

Blackheath, SE3; Mar 31-Apr 1, 10am-5pm; free.

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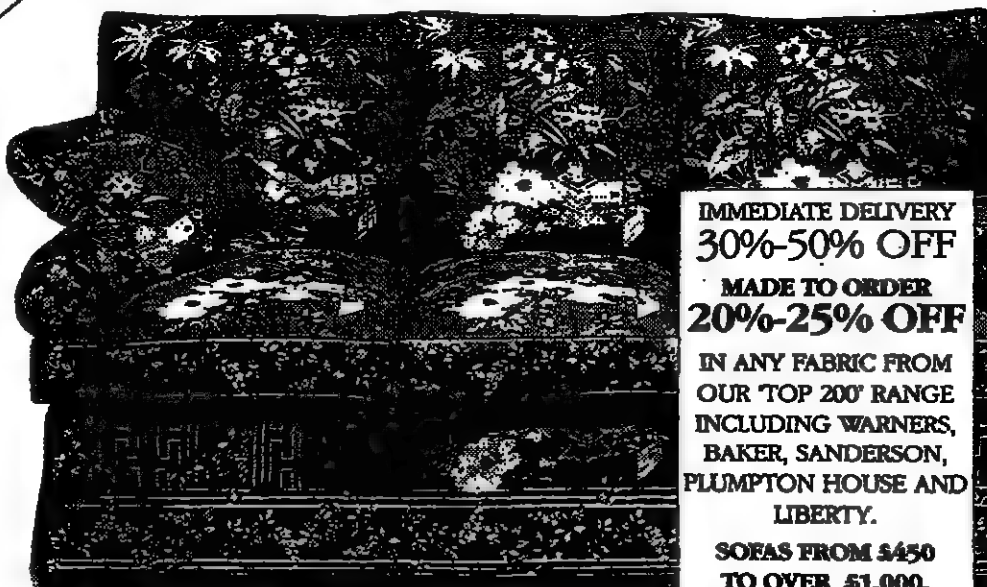
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Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Stormin' Norman shies off the girls

I SHALL never forget the day the American fighter planes returned to their Suffolk airbases from the Gulf war. In fact, I shall remember the precise moment: it was just as I opened my mouth to shout "Come by" to my sheepdog, Flash, that the deafening jets screamed overhead. My voice was drowned. The dog failed to hear the crucial command. Disaster ensued.

Flash and I were returning a ram we had borrowed. With lambing time approaching, I judged that it was not in the ram's interest, or the ewes', for him to be present at the birth of his offspring. This may be the age of the New Man but I doubt whether we are yet ready for the New Ram. So we took him back to his flock.

Possibly, being panned up for weeks with young, pregnant ewes, Flash had got too much for him. He certainly looked relieved as he turned his back on his flock of young wives and bounced happily into the trailer. But when he arrived back at his old home to find he was to be herded into yet another, even larger, flock of young, pregnant ewes, he winced.

Taking one look across the meadow at the flock, the ram decided any fate would be better than life with the girls. He bent his neck until his powerful head was in the butting position, turned his back on his flock, and made a desperate run at the flimsy electric fencing. Even had the fence been connected to the national grid it would not have stopped him.

I had to admire his determination. He was always a noble creature, black-headed and Roman-nosed. I had called him "Stormin' Norman" because, being of the Suffolk breed, he was very schizoid in the Kopf. When it came to being first at the feeding trough he showed a similar spirit to his namesake in that he would go "over, under, round or through" whatever way it takes" to be first at the feast.

As he broke for freedom, Flash made a valiant effort to catch him. We almost had him cornered, and if the dog had obeyed my command to go to the left ("Come by") we might have captured him. But the dog couldn't hear me above the roar of the jets. Stormin' Norman was found the next day, invading a garden in the next village. He returned, somewhat sulkily, to barracks.

Back home, more trouble from black-headed creatures. Rooks by the hundred were gathering in the trees round the field of newly sown oats and barley, and when so human was in sight the crows were swooping and devouring the precious seed. I could have wept: I spent five grueling weeks ploughing that field with horses, walking wearily up and down it with harrows and seed drill. And now all that work was to be undone by the criminal beaks of the thieving rooks. I swore revenge.

A kindly neighbour shot a couple of them - who would have thought, a year ago, that I, a civilised man, would be so delightfully grateful for two dead birds on the doorstep?

Then, someone mentioned a new bird-scaring kite, designed by a second world war fighter pilot. I sensed that this particular war was about to turn in my favour. The black and yellow kite looks uncannily like a bird of prey, it hovers and shifts with the breeze and beats its threatening wings.

The unsuspecting rooks flew in from the northwest, heading for their regular feast. Then they spotted it, flustered, and, rather than land, circled. The harvest went close to the kite but lost their nerve and retreated.

I don't know what the rooks think this kite is, but it puts the fear of God into them. I shall no doubt lose support from the more sentimental wing of the conservation movement, but I do not care, as long as I can imagine these miserable birds fleeing back to their nests, terrorised to the point where their horrible, spindly legs shake at the knee and their nights are disturbed by visions of the flapping yellow and black-winged predator.

What matters is that my sky is free of rooks. The kite is keeping the peace. We have, as the real Stormin' Norman would put it, total air supremacy.



Home from home: David and Katrin Cargill



Country getaway: David and Katrin Cargill with baby Harry in the Peak District... "There is real weather here and forests of bluebells"

A Peak of tranquillity

David and Katrin Cargill live in "deepest, darkest, filthiest Battersea", as Mrs Cargill describes it, "and we really don't like it at all. We certainly don't want Harry to grow up there." Which is why every weekend they load baby Harry and Rufus, their dog, into the car for the three-hour journey from London up the motorway to a minuscule Gothic farmhouse in the Peak District, with a cottage garden and an apple orchard.

They took the house on a long lease four and a half years ago when Mr Cargill, an Olympic skier, had a sportsware business in the north. Although they both now work in London, he managing Wordbank, a corporate translation service, and she as a freelance stylist for magazines, they have no intention of giving up their "pocket of tranquillity. Without it we'd go round the twist." They manage to carve out three-day weekends more often than not, and have fine-tuned the logistics of the transition from one house to the other. All they need to do when they leave London "is to pack up the fridge".

Mrs Cargill is used to rather more dramatic inclines than the Peak District provides. She is half Swiss, was born in Colorado, and her family lives at the foot of the

Massif Central in France, where her father is a geologist. "We were shipped into the local school - wherever that happened to be, but invariably near mountains - until I was 13, when I was sent to a Sussex boarding school." She trained as an interior designer in the United States, and then spent five years as a decorator and food

preserving meat. "The kitchen was so small we had to choose between a boiler or a dishwasher. We could take a bath or do the dishes, but not both." They chose a cold-fill dishwasher, although with a back burner in the dining-room fireplace, they can, in fact, heat water.

Mrs Cargill has not been swept away on a new wave of ruched blinds; she was, after all, appointed consultant to the Shaker Shop in London. "I have a passion for checks and stripes and, of course, I'm half Swiss. I suppose the cottage embodies the Heidi look."

They papered the walls in stars and stripes (separately), and covered the floors with sisal. Some of the curtain fabric is mattress ticking, and some is gingham. "We did it very simply," Mrs Cargill says. "Now I can hang up lots of old china and funny little bits of tinware and pressed flower prints. I start a collection once a week."

A quarter of an acre of cottage garden mixes fruit, flowers and vegetables. "It was one of the reasons we fell in love with it."

There were old-fashioned roses and blackcurrant bushes, lilac and rhododendrons. They have added to it over the years: hollyhocks and lavatera, Icelandic poppies and clematis. "We've put in masses of aquilegia and Alchemilla mollis and lots of shrub roses." Last month Mrs Cargill gave her husband a birthday present of a day garden designer. "We don't know enough about pruning and spacing," Mrs Cargill says. "What we have to do now is to concentrate on clumps of what we really love rather than bits of everything. The designer loves cottage gardens; it was a huge success."

Mr and Mrs Cargill see the cottage as a source of stability and permanence. For Mr Cargill it is "realising there is life after London. There is real weather and forests of bluebells. The natural beauty of the place excites me. After the onslaught of the man-made it's therapeutic to feel the passage of the seasons. And, as with the garden, it's reassuring to take a long view of things."

Mrs Cargill says: "Having this house has been a haven. Now when we have a horrendous week in London we don't mind so much because the cottage is always there at the end. We live for it."

ELUNED PRICE

Breeding

Hero of the hillsides

IN THE upland pastures of Northumberland shepherds on motor bikes are herding some of the county's million sheep. Does this mean that the working sheep dog is being usurped?

"We still need our collies," says Ron Bailey, an international sheepdog trial judge and guardian of 700 ewes at the Kirkby Hall agricultural college. "Mechanisation will never replace the skills of a good dog. Border collies are remarkably versatile and adapt to working with the 125cc trail bikes. An intelligent dog soon learns to hop up on the petrol tank, clinging on with its forelegs to maintain balance until called into action with the sheep."

Border collies are among the finest working dogs in Britain and their lineage traces back to at least the 18th century. Watching a shepherd work a good dog is fascinating and, judging by the success of the television programme *One Man and his Dog*, the combination appeals to great numbers of people who may know almost nothing about sheep-herding.

Working collies live hard lives. They rarely live in houses, sometimes not even in kennels. When they are not working they are often shut up in dark sheds. And they take a lot of abuse; a shepherd's vocabulary can be colourful. Few dogs take offence.

Their intelligence and eagerness to please has made them particularly popular in obedience and agility competitions at dog shows. The International Sheepdog Society oversees the registration of the breed and a 12-week-old pup from a good strain can cost from £60 to £80.

Women as well as men work as shepherds and win at championship trials. Katy Cropper, a shepherdess who has won several trials, attended the Women of the Year lunch last October - accompanied by her Border collie, Trim.

VERONICA HEATH



Hard working: the Border collie

Pouring aid on troubled waters

Feather report

The oiled cormorants became, briefly, an international symbol of the grotesqueness of the Gulf war. Now that the conflict is over, it is time to start counting the ecological cost and get on with the job of putting it right. "I flew out to the Gulf with horror in my heart," says Roy Dennis of the RSPB. "But I came back very encouraged."

There are plenty of horrors, but reports of the complete death of the ecology of the Gulf were, thank God, exaggerated. There is, however, a great deal to work to do.

Thousands of birds have been killed. The worst affected have been birds that earned their living by sitting on the sea: cormorants and great cormorants, and great crested and black-necked grebes. Twenty-six species have been affected, including such familiar birds as red shank and curlew, and such exotics as flamingo. An oiled flamingo is a sad sight.

North of Al Jubayl, about halfway up the Gulf, there is oil up to 4ft thick in places. This not only kills birds but destroys habitats such as bays, salt marsh and mangroves. The Gulf is an important migration route. Hundreds of thousands of waders navigate along the coast from east Africa to breeding grounds in northern Asia and Europe. They stop and feed in the Gulf as they go: their favoured feeding areas need to be cleaned. Terns also nest on the islands, and the islands need protection from further oiling. So there is, indeed, much



Oily ordeal: the great crested grebe was badly affected

blackness. But things are not quite as black as was thought. For a start, the disaster involved a million and a half barrels of released oil - not 11 million, as first estimated. The sea south of Al Jubayl is pretty well unaffected.

At first, it was thought that the whale-like dugong and the turtles would become extinct in the Gulf, but no dugongs have been found oiled. Of four turtles found oiled, three have been cleaned and released. The fourth died.

Incredibly, the world seems to have got away with it. "I have monitored some water flocks," Mr Dennis says. "About half the birds are partly oiled. And 5 per cent are heavily oiled and will die."

The Saudis are operating a clean-up operation. They have

the technology, but what they need is advice. Mr Dennis, an expert on North Sea oil spills, has been working with a colleague from the International Council of Bird Preservation (ICBP) to monitor developments and provide that advice. The next step is for a team of eight to start further work next month.

The situation is delicate. In some places, cleaning up would cause more damage than the oil, as happened so

spring from the amount we have already lost. In Saudi, the oil spill has the beginnings of the same effect. "I was encouraged by the long-term will for conservation," Mr Dennis says. "The disaster has caught the imagination of the community. So what the Saudis need is international help and encouragement."

In a Britain, the RSPB is launching a Gulf appeal. Yes, I know that the idea of sending money to the Saudis sounds about as sensible as sending them sand, or oil, but the money is needed to finance the international team that will advise and assess the problem for the Saudis. It is not Saudi's wildlife that has been affected - it is the world's.

Why the RSPB? The organisation is Europe's largest voluntary wildlife conservation body, and one of the largest member organisations of the ICBP. The money is needed, not to avert total disaster, but to finance hope. It is possible that this unprecedented act of vandalism could provide a long-term inspiration for conservation.

SIMON BARNES

● Gulf Appeal, RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire. ● What's about: Birds - drumming snipe and roding woodcock. Snipe produce a strange vibrating sound in ceremonial flight; woodcock circle treepots at dawn and dusk. Twickers - Arctic redpoll in Bedfordshire; adult male American wigwag at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire. Details from Birdline 0898 700222.

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

- Lambing: Chance to see ewes before, during and after giving birth. Also, a zoo, rides and play area. Drusillas, Alfreton, East Sussex (0232 870656), today until Apr 7. 10.30am-5pm; £3.95, child under 12 £3.75.
- Easter at Lee Valley: Tomorrow, from 1.30pm, make presents and search for eggs, suitable for two to ten-year-olds. Mar 25-Apr 5, variety of supervised activities for groups. Also, day camps, multi-activity and watersports at Picketts.
- Easter at Snipe Malthings: Five days of

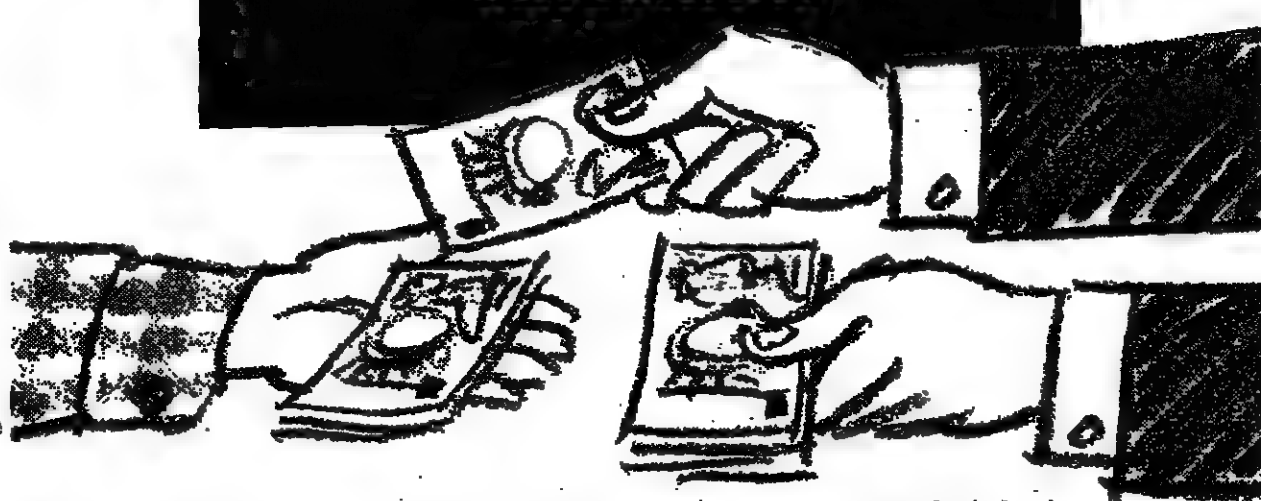
- orchestral concerts, chamber and solo recitals, jazz. Snipe Malthings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (0728 452 935); Mar 28-Apr 1.
- Dorset antiques fair: A range of quality antiques: 1890 datestamps for furniture and general items, early 20th century for paintings, ceramics and silver. Camford School, Camford Magna, Wimborne, Dorset; Mar 29-31. Fri 11am-9pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm; £2.
- Craft to Arundel: Children's workshops, making masks, bonnets and other Easter items. Mar 25-29. Also an Easter egg hunt with prizes for all. Mar 29-Apr 1. Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Arundel, West Sussex (0903 883355); £3, child £1.50, workshop 50p, egg hunt 25p.
- Castle egg hunt: One of the biggest

- hunts in Britain with 5,000 mini-eggs and a few silver and gold eggs which win the funder's special prizes. Leeds Castle, Maidstone; Kent (0622 765400); Mar 30-Apr 1, hunts start 2.30pm; £4.10, child £3.40.
- Zoo hunt: Thousands of Easter egg tokens hidden around the park. Also competitions with prizes, including one for an Easter bonnet, and an animal treasure trail. Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, Dunstable, Beds (0582 872171); Mar 29-Apr 1, 10am-5pm; £5.95, child £3.95.
- Combat at the castle: Medieval knights and soldiers demonstrate skills at arms and archery. Dover Castle, Dover, Kent (0304 201628); Apr 1, noon and 2.30pm. Modest admission charge.

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Orient's golden express derailed

The world coin market is in chaos after Japan's claims that a £4.4 billion gold commemorative issue contains fakes.

Sarah Jane Checkland investigates

They started life as Japan's biggest tribute to the 60-year reign of Emperor Hirohito: 11 million gold commemorative coins, decorated with the imperial chrysanthemum and valued at £400 each to his loyal subjects.

But their reputation is tarnished and the world coin market is in chaos following the seizure of £44 million-worth of coins in February last year by Japanese police, who say they are fake.

At the centre of the furore is Paul Davies, a stubborn Yorkshire dealer who owns £12 million-worth of the confiscated coins, and insists on upstaging the Japanese sense of propriety by fighting to get them back. He has just returned from a trip to Tokyo with David Fletcher, the secretary of the British Numismatic Trade Association (BNTA), in an attempt to stop the Japanese defacing his stock or melting it down.

"The most profitable coin-selling caper in history has become the most embarrassing," is how Mr Davies describes the drama of the chrysanthemum coins. Its characters range from naive Japanese collectors, led by the nose by the initial advertising campaign, to gold bullion traders intent on multi-billion-pound profits.

The curtain opens in 1986, when the Japanese authorities announced their plans to produce the first ever Japanese commemorative gold coins. (Our preference for silver commemorative coins means there are no real British equivalents.)

Encouraged by the promise from the Bank of Japan that buyers could always recoup their original outlay, prospective customers formed queues to fill in the application cou-

pons. But the idyllic scenario of loyal Japanese cherishing their souvenirs was not to last. Soon it emerged that the mark-up on each of the coins was so large that the Bank of Japan was making a cool profit of £2.3 billion. Furthermore, the gold — 300 tons of it — had been imported from New York as a means of defusing American complaints over the balance of trade figures between the two countries.

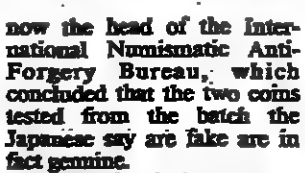
Then the value of gold fell dramatically, but the value of the Hirohito coins held up because of the bank's guarantee, and they began to look like a good investment. Soon the international coin dealers were in on the act, gleefully cashing in on the Japanese government's pledge. They included Mr Davies, who goes in for meetings at the local hotel rather than inviting visitors to his Ilkley address, and refuses to say exactly what profits he made from his chrysanthemum deals in a year of successful trading.

Then suddenly, in February last year, when another dealer was cashing in some coins at a Tokyo bank, a "lowly female clerk", as the Japanese newspapers described her, noticed something suspicious about the packaging of one coin. Soon the Japanese police announced they had discovered the biggest coin fraud in their history: 107,000 coins were confiscated, including 3,200 belonging to Mr Davies, seized at the airport.

Mr Davies, who trained as a barrister but who has been operating as a coin dealer for 18 years, immediately travelled to Tokyo on his own initiative, submitting himself to police questioning. He then commissioned an authenticity report by Ernest Newman, former chief metallurgist for the British Royal Mint, and



Through a glass darkly: Yorkshire dealer Paul Davies, who had £1.2 million-worth of his coins confiscated by Japanese police



Minted imperial: chrysanthemum coin's obverse and reverse

Mr Davies went again this week, to court the Japanese press and to find an influential Japanese lawyer to fight for lost earnings and reputation. "I have got up quite a few people's noses," he says. "But after 14 months of being ignored, I feel justified in causing some embarrassment. My way is not the Japanese way. They accept gracefully the findings of higher powers, and certainly do not argue against authority." A series of articles has appeared this week in the English language papers in Tokyo, one under the headline: "Fake coins or fake case?"

Meanwhile, as a result of the furore, Japanese owners of the coins are dashing the expectations of the authorities, who hoped they would cherish their souvenirs for generations, by cashing them in en masse. Each of the coins cashed (an estimated 2.8 million so far) means a loss of £275 for the Bank of Japan. Worse for the international coin-dealing fraternity, the Japanese are also turning away from coin collecting in general. "All Japanese coin collectors have started to lose confidence in coins," Mr Davies says, "the argument being, if the Bank of Japan

Europe puts its hand up

Review

Up and down: Thanks to strong European buying, the art market is recovering its stride. Contemporary European art performed well at Sotheby's in London, top price being the £253,000 for a bold abstract by the German-French artist Hans Hartung (estimated at £150,000-£200,000). The total for 108 works was £2.2 million, with 17 per cent unsold. The equivalent sale flopped, however, at Christie's, where, because of the failure of three works by Christo (the artist who likes wrapping up landscapes), the total was £495,605 (36 per cent unsold). Top price here was £77,000 (on its upper estimate) paid for an abstract titled *Contrasts* by the Chilean-French artist, Matta.

Chased china: Christie's achieved a record for china sold in Hong Kong when a large octagonal Song dynasty vase with opaque creamy glaze fetched HK\$11 million (£794,166), setting a Hong Kong dealer. This sale totalled £4.35 million, with 74 per cent sold. In London, Christie's Japanese works of art auction totalled £570,966, with 65 per cent sold. Top price was £71,500 for a pair of early 18th century prebald ceramic dogs (estimate £40,000-£50,000).

Impressive: Sotheby's professed itself "very pleased" with its minor Impressionist sale in London, although almost half the 126 lots went unsold. The fact that the failures amounted to only 26.7 per cent of the pre-sale estimate confirmed its claims that prices for quality works have remained consistent. Top price was £363,000 (double estimate) for an abstract by Joan Miró. All ten top lots were bought by Europeans. Christie's was coy about the identities of buyers after its equivalent sale, although it was confirmed that a Japanese buyer had bought three top lots, including a Degas pastel of dancers at £77,000 (estimated at £100,000-£150,000).

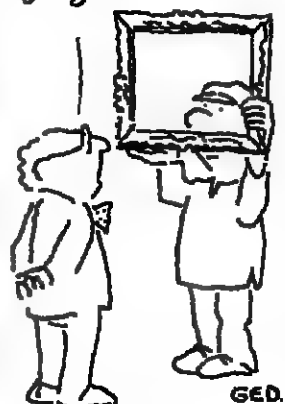
Preview

Today: A choice for Yorkshiremen with a general contents sale at Tensants of Middleham, 9.30am, and more than 400 lots of dolls, toys and some excellent pedal cars at Andrew Hartley of Ilkley, 1.30pm.

Monday: 400 lots of English and continental drinking glasses from 1500-1960 at Sotheby's, 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Tuesday: A pair of paintings of lobsters, crabs, oysters and mussels on the seashore by Alexander George Fraser (1786-1865) is estimated at up to £800 in a general sale at Phillips, Winchester, 11am.

Gorgeous!



Wednesday: The specialist sale at Bonhams includes a good 17th century Neapolitan carved picture frame at up to £8,000, 11am. For those who prefer some picture with their frame, Christie's South Kensington has icons at 10.30am. Thursday: The Christie's South Kensington sale of modern paintings features a group of about 30 works by young British artists from the late Eighties onwards. Most are expected to sell for between £600 and £1,000. Tennants, Middleham, near Leyburn, North Yorks (0969 23780). Andrew Hartley, Victoria Hall, Little Lane, Ilkley, West Yorks (0943 816363). Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W1 (071 493 8080). Phillips, Hyde Street, Winchester (0962 62515). Bonhams, Monmouth Street, SW7 (071 581 1911). Christie's South Kensington, 15 Old Brompton Road, SW7 (071 581 7611).

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TELEVISION: REVIEW

That's life in the reel world

Lynne Truss finds *Naked Hollywood* a little over-dressed, while *For the Greater Good*'s script clichés tend to undercut the drama

In Christopher Hampton's 1983 play *Tales from Hollywood*, a Hungarian playwright transplanted to Tinseltown was asked what the words "Ars Gratia Artis" meant, over the gates of MGM. He replied, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here." The latest instalment of Nicolas Kent's series *Naked Hollywood* (BBC 2) showed that — for writers, at least — this maxim still constitutes good advice. A poignant image in last Sunday's programme showed the original writer of *Kindergarten Cop* (which, admittedly, does not make him F. Scott Fitzgerald) wailing piteously on his nose against a glass partition. On the other side sat Arnold Schwarzenegger facing the other way, impervious to his existence.

Now in its fifth week, *Naked Hollywood* is a watchable but strangely unsatisfactory series. While its material generally reflects the cynical "Abandon hope" thesis, its excruciatingly stylised self-consciousness is a great

roaring "ars gratia artis". Actors are interviewed in grey rooms, with shadings from venetian blinds slanting across their faces. Is this because they are patients in a mental hospital? No, it is because of the influence of film noir. In a recent episode (the one about agents), things were going well until suddenly the world of the agent was illustrated by means of old nature-footage. Gorrillas wrestled and grunted, while stage crashed their antics. Oh dear. And was it my imagination, or did the word "Geddit?" flash across the screen?

Such literalism has clearly taken a nasty hold. In last week's programme, someone had only to say there had been "a forced marriage between writer and director", and the next image was of an open script, with confetti dropping on it, and the Wedding March played emphatically over the top. Stop it, please stop it. Let us hope no future contributor is foolish enough to say, "My relationship with my distributor was like a huge volcano erupting with toy trains and pizzas, to the sound of 'Getting to Know

you' sung in Norwegian." The whole project might be completely scuppered in the painstaking attempt to help us understand what he had in mind. On the other hand, there is a lot to be learned from this series. It regularly comes up with the kind of "fancy that" scene that, in the old days, was selected by Ludovic Kennedy for the opening of *Did You See...?* In the episode on The Producer, for example, there was a very funny sequence in which Terry Gilliam catalogued all the poor saps who had tried to save the budget of his Baron von Munchausen film. And in last week's programme, an executive script editor gave a memorable demonstration of the "four-pillow" method of reading a script, while lying motionless on one's left-hand side.

This was quite invaluable advice (it would work with books, too) that there should have been a fact-sheet to send for afterwards. But the main benefit of *Naked Hollywood* for movie ignoramuses is the explanation of jargon. A "log line", for example, has nothing to do with timber-mills or telegraph poles, but is in fact the single-sentence précis of a plot, such as: "Mad old king stupidly divides kingdom between daughters and ends up crying his eyes out on blasted heath amid civil-war mayhem". Scripts with eye-catching log lines are apparently the ones most likely to be taken up by producers (though "Mad turns into hamburger" was famously spurned).

What happens to writers whose plots require two or more sentences was not revealed. But it was easy to imagine them ending up as talking-points in local bars. "See that old drunk guy in the corner? Go over and say, 'Got a log line, Mac?' and see if he hits you."

G.F. Newman's new three-part political drama series *For the Greater Good* (BBC 2, Wednesday) would score pretty badly on the Hollywood log line test. But if all its many headline-issues will not fit comfortably into a single sentence (Aids in prison, armed police at

peaceful demonstrations, corruption in the prison service, gay club raids, animal rights, sensory deprivation units, trade in human organs), nor did they fit entirely comfortably into an hour of drama.

Martin Shaw gave an impressive performance as the backbench Conservative MP whose eyes (nicely magnified by concave spectacles) were being systematically opened to the wickedness of the world. But his mid-life crisis had little room to develop in a script that invested its main energies elsewhere: in dense expository dialogue about the workings of the Prevention of Terrorism Act or the privatisation of the Immigrant Remand Centre at Heathrow.

As a sucker for conspiracy theories, I was not the ideal viewer for all this. I could easily believe the police would aim automatic weapons at animal rights protesters. In fact there was no shocking revelation or supposition that *For the Greater Good* could throw at me that I was not prepared to absorb. Come on! These shoulders are broad! Tell me the wicked screws give HIV-infected needles to black prisoners deliberately. I'll go for

that. No, what shocked me, the thing I could not believe, was the dialogue. Did Connie Booth, as Shaw's wife, really say, "We can't go on like this"? Perhaps I misheard. But then, when he asked her, "Have you found someone else?", I would swear on the Police and Criminal Evidence Act that she replied, "I'm finding myself."

This was all too horrible. In place of conversation, people kept telling each other important facts, such as "IS-91 is more effective when given early on in the disease," or "The chief police officers write the policy, and the Home Office rubber-stamps it."

Sometimes they started sentences by casually mentioning their identity ("As Home Secretary, I simply have to accept the police's word for it"). And sometimes they made comments such as, "Sorry to keep you waiting, Peter. Nothing moves fast at the Home Office" — just to establish the location.

"Ah," said Shaw, at intervals. His problem, he was told by his unhappy wife, was that he cared about things only intellectually: "You



Gabrielle Ruddy (rear left), Joanne Pearce, Martin Shaw and Connie Booth in *For the Greater Good*

have no empathy, Peter. You never have had."

Yet, by the end of part one of *For the Greater Good*, his atrophied condition seemed understandable. Having been bombarded with information and theory and how-things-work-in-government for the past hour, an emotionless "Ah" was all I could manage, too.

In *Family Matters* on Monday (BBC 1), the effect of television on family life was tested by the simple device of removing the TV sets from one addicted family (the Shepherds) and delivering them to the previously uninfected home of the Matthews. Both families were studied for their reactions to the change — the Shepherds initially poleaxed with grief, the Matthews sitting stiffly around the set. After two weeks, it was clear which family benefited most. The Shepherds, after staring at the walls for three days, suddenly started talking and playing games.

How trusting they were, these people. As they watched their televisions being loaded into a car, it did not once occur to them they might have been the victims of an elaborate confidence trick.

Two string quartets placed at the back of the orchestra. But that does little to disguise the effect of a soggy transcription in the tradition of Respighi. The central work in Berio's concert with the Hallé Orchestra was his own recent Second Piano Concerto. This is yet another adaptation of earlier music, though the earlier music here is his own. His *Points on the Curve* to find of 1974 becomes the central point to be surrounded by new material. There may be questions about formal tension, but Berio galvanised the Hallé into playing of high intensity, and Martin Roscoe was a powerful and persuasive soloist.

None of that was quite so convincing as the performance of Maderna's *Serenade per un Satellite* that opened the concert. Here, the score leaves almost everything to the conductor, and Berio produced wonderfully delicate sounds in what was perhaps the most satisfying collaboration of one composer's material and another composer's design.

The vitality and integrity of his contribution raise few uncomfortable questions. What we have here is a genuinely new work based on genuinely old and classic material. That was particularly clear when Berio preceded the work with Bruno Maderna's orchestration of Giovanni Gabrieli's *In Ecclesia*. Here there are many individual details and a characteristic layering of the textures, with

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DANCE

In from America

Debra Craine on two new names at London Contemporary Dance Theatre

Ending months of uncertainty over its future, London Contemporary Dance Theatre has announced the appointment of two Americans — an artistic director and an artistic associate — to revitalise Britain's largest contemporary dance company.

The new artistic director is Nancy Duncan, currently producing director of the New York-based repertory company CoDanceCo, which she founded in 1982. The 40-year-old Duncan, who is virtually unknown in this country, has built up a reputation in the United States as an astute and imaginative commissioning director.

The new artistic associate is Mark Morris, 34, the internationally known choreographer who is currently director of dance at Belgium's national opera house, the Monnaie. His reputation as a flamboyant and charismatic dance-maker is guaranteed to give the company a higher profile and extend its artistic horizons.

London Contemporary Dance Theatre had hoped to appoint a British artistic director for the first time in its 24-year history. But the list of suitable candidates was small and the fact that many of them were American simply reflected the impoverished state of mainstream contemporary dance in Britain today.

Duncan, who will take up her appointment in London in August, replaces Dan Waggoner, who returned to America after only 18 months in the job. Announcing her appointment, Peter Sarah, chief executive of Contemporary Dance

Co to realise her vision of presenting "a wide-angled view of contemporary choreography" and during the past eight years has commissioned more than 50 new works from established and newly emerging talents in America, including Mark Morris. She is expected to cast a wide commissioning net in her role as LCDT director, bringing in new outside choreographers as well as developing talent within the company.

Helping her will be three artistic associates, the first of whom is Mark Morris. He will work with the company and the school, starting in 1992, although details of his involvement are still being worked out. Sarah says "the partnership with London Contemporary Dance Theatre and London Contemporary Dance School and Mark Morris and his company will, we predict, be unique, exciting and memorable."

The new post of artistic associate will enable leading choreographers, designers and composers to have regular, intensive association with the Trust, working with the company, the school and The Place Theatre, the small central London venue it owns. It is hoped the other two artistic associates, to be appointed over the next 18 months, will include one British and one European.

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Frankly, I haven't got a great deal of confidence in what I do. I'm terrified that I'm gonna lose my voice, forget the words, fall into the orchestra pit, or make a complete prat of myself. Which some people might say I've been doing for the past 20 years.

Rod Stewart in *The Sunday Times* tomorrow

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OF ALL the attempts to make something new out of what earlier composers wrote, Luciano Berio's *Rendering* takes the most satisfactory approach. Based on the uncompleted sketches for Schubert's Tenth Symphony, the piece lets Schubert have his say as far as that survives, then fills in the missing bits with sharply contrasted material of his own.
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BBC

1.55 Twin Peaks: As *Twin Peaks* rises to the occasion for the wedding of the year, an FBI investigation into his practices does not seem to faze Agent Cooper, whose major concerns are still chess, strange buildings and the disappearance of Major Briggs. With Kyle MacLachlan and Joan Chen (r). Ends at 12:45am

4.10 **Adventures.** Video collage of adventurous types
4.40 **The Hit Man and Her.** Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan
introduce dance music and contests from clubs around the
country
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Anne Leachman. Ends at 6.00.

he always wins at cards. Guests include a shadowographer, a nectomancer and the mysterious Watt the Man (r)

11.40 After Dark. Open-ended discussion on whether children are getting the education they need. Among the guests is 12-year-old James Herries who left school last year to run his own business

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Queen to lead the war tribute

By RICHARD FORD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen will lead the nation's tribute to the 34,000 British troops, who served in the Gulf war, at a church service in Scotland and a victory parade through the City of London.

The service of remembrance and thanksgiving is to be held in Glasgow cathedral on May 4, the prime minister informed MPs yesterday. John Major will attend the service and representatives of the opposition parties, as well as Margaret Thatcher, have been invited.

Government sources yesterday were anxious to avoid using the term "victory" in relation to both events.

The service in Scotland will be one of remembrance for those who fell on the battlefield and thanksgiving for those who returned safely.

Mr Major, who since becoming prime minister has twice visited Scotland, where the Tories have only ten seats, was said to be keen for the service to be held in Glasgow because, during his visits to the Gulf he met a number of Scottish troops and was impressed by the extent of their commitment.

Representatives of the coalition members will be invited to the Glasgow service but the parade in the City of London will be specifically for British troops.

Forgotten photographer's memories of a glamorous era



Cecil Beaton, photographed in the sequined dress which he used at the time in a review in Cambridge, left, Gladys Cooper, centre, and Tallulah Bankhead, right, evoke memories of the glamorous Twenties



Treasures rediscovered

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century. "I hope our exhibition will put her back on the map," said Mr Pepper.

The National Portrait Gallery was surprised that so many of her royal portraits had survived the Blitz. "But she had wisely deposited them at her bank."

Another Iraqi plane shot down by US

Continued from page 1

without providing direct support to the insurgent movements.

After Wednesday's shooting, President Bush said that he believed it unlikely that there would be future breaches of the temporary ceasefire agreed on March 3. Saddam's latest action in using fixed-wing fighter aircraft is seen in Washington as a snub to the president which could toughen the American stance towards permanent ceasefire terms.

In New York, the UN Security Council's sanctions committee agreed to lift its ban on food shipments to Iraq and was debating conditions for allowing in fuel and other essentials, diplomats said.

Thousands will be eligible for Gulf campaign medals

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of men and women who took part in Britain's Operation Granby in the war with Iraq are to receive campaign medals. Many are also expected to be given bravery awards, including some SAS members who operated behind enemy lines for more than seven weeks.

Four out of the 25 British servicemen killed in the war were from the SAS. They were Corporal David Denbury, aged 26, Private Robert Consiglio, aged 24, Corporal Steven Lane, aged 27, and Sergeant Vincent Phillips, aged 36. Although the circumstances behind their deaths have not been revealed, it is possible their courage may be recognised posthumously.

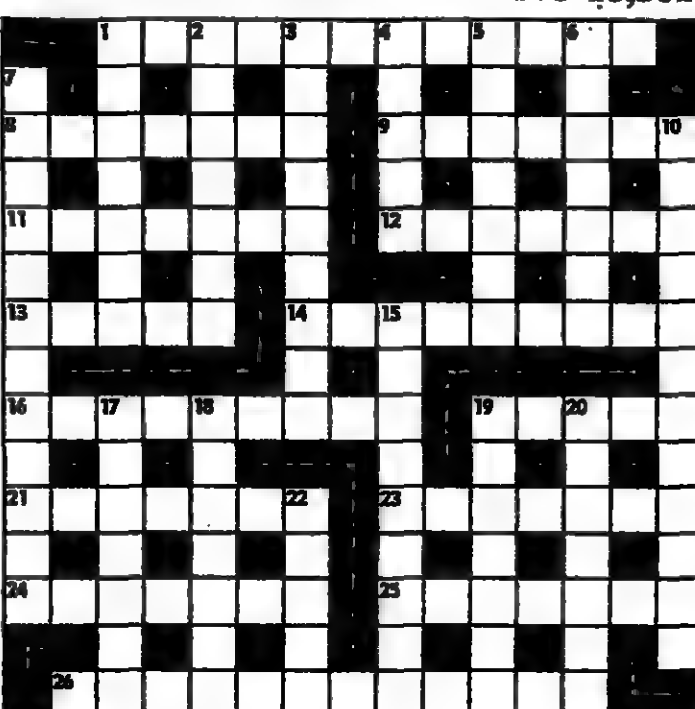
Other members of the SAS may also be given bravery awards. Seven SAS men were held prisoners of war. Senior commanders from the three services who took part in the war have drawn up lists of men and women they recommend for bravery awards. The recommendations go through the chain of command to Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billiere, British commander, and then

on to the three service chiefs. The recommendations are considered by a special cabinet committee and approved by the Queen. An award is likely to be given to Sir Peter, who is already the most-decorated officer in the British Army.

A number of Tornado GR1 crews, who were involved in low-level attacks on Iraqi airfields in the early days of the war, are likely to be included in the awards. Yesterday a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said decisions still had to be made over who would be eligible. Civilians and merchant seamen who played important roles may also receive the medal. Qualification will depend on how long each person served in the war zone.

More than 600 people crowded into the SAS's regimental church of St Martins in Hereford, close to its base at Stirling Lines, for the funeral of Corporal Lane, Sergeant Phillips, and Trooper Consiglio.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Drink up what he'd not drunk before church (4,3,5).
 - 8 Cross, it's clear, showed the way (7).
 - 9 Out of breath — tell a joke about it (7).
 - 11 The man's gives a conservative account (7).
 - 12 Things made of metal could deteriorate in water (7).
 - 13 S ahead, leading the series (5).
 - 14 Used to soften millet — one foment it (9).
 - 16 Flower from high priest used Diana (6,3).
 - 19 Small creature without a tail — it resembles a goat (5).
 - 21 What is 500 + 4 + 50 please? (7).
 - 23 Ragged man wearing torn scrap of cloth (7).
 - 24 Stage now under discussion (7).
 - 25 Give voice to private spite (7).
 - 26 With no work, under pressure to retire, it could make quite a stir (7-5).
- DOWN**
- 1 Has a dislike of exams — primarily of French (7).
 - 2 Protest march not to be considered (4-3).
 - 3 Derby date arranged in Paddington, perhaps (5,4).
 - 4 Shell soldier participating in the rising (5).
 - 5 Roads run almost up to military depot (7).
 - 6 Business in time makes money (7).
 - 7 Trustworthy, and still improving (2,3,2,3,2).
 - 8 Brunel's innovative form of transport — "Stagecoach" (5,7).
 - 9 Military command could be responsible for mad errors (5,4).
 - 10 Some apparel I eventually replace (7).
 - 11 Colourful lady cutting material up into quarters (7).
 - 12 It reminds me to infiltrate soldiers (7).
 - 13 Soldier has to last for hours with nothing to eat (7).
 - 14 Master starts to teach under the old regime (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,560

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By Philip Howard

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b. A Japanese verse form like haiku
c. Aggressive borrowing
YAKEDAN
a. A yak cart
b. An ice box
c. A Muffin wall
SHABRACK
a. A saddle
b. A type of cabbage
c. A middle-class
KNARHTROSS
a. Ball-and-socket joint
b. Coast
c. Morphology of the dead

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A generally dry start for most areas apart from some coastal showers.

Any early mist and frost will soon clear, becoming brighter but cloud will increase with showers breaking out inland by midday. The showers will be most frequent in the eastern and southern parts of England with some heavy and prolonged. These should die out towards evening. Outlook: early mists and frosts in places then bright with sunny spells and showers dying out.

Midday: 10-15, 15-20, 20-25, 25-30, 30-35, 35-40, 40-45, 45-50, 50-55, 55-60, 60-65, 65-70, 70-75, 75-80, 80-85, 85-90, 90-95, 95-100, 100-105, 105-110, 110-115, 115-120, 120-125, 125-130, 130-135, 135-140, 140-145, 145-150, 150-155, 155-160, 160-165, 165-170, 170-175, 175-180, 180-185, 185-190, 190-195, 195-200, 200-205, 205-210, 210-215, 215-220, 220-225, 225-230, 230-235, 235-240, 240-245, 245-250, 250-255, 255-260, 260-265, 265-270, 270-275, 275-280, 280-285, 285-290, 290-295, 295-300, 300-305, 305-310, 310-315, 315-320, 320-325, 325-330, 330-335, 335-340, 340-345, 345-350, 350-355, 355-360, 360-365, 365-370, 370-375, 375-380, 380-385, 385-390, 390-395, 395-400, 400-405, 405-410, 410-415, 415-420, 420-425, 425-430, 430-435, 435-440, 440-445, 445-450, 450-455, 455-460, 460-465, 465-470, 470-475, 475-480, 480-485, 485-490, 490-495, 495-500, 500-505, 505-510, 510-515, 515-520, 520-525, 525-530, 530-535, 535-540, 540-545, 545-550, 550-555, 555-560, 560-565, 565-570, 570-575, 575-580, 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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7893 (-0.0027)German mark
2.9442 (+0.0099)Exchange index
92.6 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1944.0 (-26.1)FT-SE 100
2440.5 (-34.3)New York Dow Jones
2855.69 (+0.24)Tokyo Nikkei Ave
26613.19 (+163.84)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISER:
HP Bulmer 242 1/2p (+9p)
Whitbread 'A' 473 1/2p (+7p)
Schlumberger 291 1/2p (+12p)
Berkeley Group 326 1/2p (+12p)
Dean & Deane 114 1/2p (+9p)
VJ Gleeson 757 1/2p (+8p)
Lambert Horwath 362 1/2p (+24p)
Airtel Eclat 70 1/2p (+4p)

FALLS:
Redland 616 1/2p (-15p)
Scot & Newcastle 372p (-7p)
Grand Mot 771 1/2p (-9p)
Alfred Lyons 518 1/2p (-5p)
Trusthouse Forte 272p (-13p)
Ladbrokes 287p (-7p)
AS Food 479 1/2p (-7p)
Tarmac 255 1/2p (-9p)
Computer People 170p (-20p)
Stough Estates 256p (-12p)
Harrington 'A' 652 1/2p (-13p)
P Bitter 383p (-11p)

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INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 12 1/2%
3-month interbank 12 1/2%
3-month eligible bills 11 1/2%
US Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.85-5.89%
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London: New York:
£ \$1.7893 £ \$1.7895
DM £2.9442 DM £2.9440
Sfr £2.5251 Sfr £2.5251
FF £10.1131 FF £10.1131
Yen £16.5558 Yen £16.5558
Ecu £1.3363 Ecu £1.3363
Sfr £2.5251 Sfr £2.5251
DM £2.9442 DM £2.9442
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GOLD

London: Gold:
AM \$322.85 pm \$322.75
close \$322.50-323.00 (£202.75-203.25)

NORTH SEA

Brent (Apr) \$19.20 bid (\$19.40)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 130.9 February (1995-100)
* Denotes latest trading price

NatWest Bancorp chairman steps down

By NEIL BENNETT IN LONDON AND PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE chairman of NatWest Bancorp, National Westminster's American subsidiary, has resigned after the bank lost \$352 million last year.

Meanwhile, NatWest Bancorp is among 70 banks being asked to exchange assets for loans by Donald Trump, the former American property

billionaire, now in danger of being unable to repay his debts in cash.

William Knowles, the chairman and chief executive of NatWest Bancorp, resigned after talks with the group's management. He is being replaced by John Tugwell, who is leaving his job as chief executive of NatWest's international division. Mr Tugwell will keep his place on NatWest's main board.

Cambridge leaps

CAMBRIDGE Water boosted pre-tax profits by 82 per cent to £1.97 million in the 12 months to end-December on turnover 20 per cent up at £10.6 million. A second interim dividend of 36p makes 72p for the period. The period will last 15 months to the end of this month and a final dividend will be announced in July.

Jourdan falls

Pre-tax profits at Thomas Jourdan, the consumer products company, fell from £2.11 million to £1.21 million in 1990, prompting the board to cut the total dividend from 5.6p to 2.5p with a 1p final. Earnings a share fell from 8.48p to 5.92p. Turnover rose from just under £29 million to £30.34 million.

Harrods delay

A High Court judge yesterday reserved judgment on a bid by the three Fayed brothers, owners of House of Fraser and Harrods, its flagship store, to block the latest legal action in the long-running campaign against them by Tiny Rowland's Lomrha.

Molins rises

Molins has raised its dividend for last year from 10.5p to 12p. Pre-tax profits increased 9 per cent to £15.2 million. Neil Clarke, the chairman, said Molins started 1991 with significantly improved orders. *Temps, page 29*



No recovery in sight: Hepworth's Sinclair Thomson

Hepworth slides 12% despite Saunier gain

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

STRONG profits from Saunier Duval, the French gas boiler manufacturer acquired for £150 million last April, helped offset the effects of the recession on Hepworth, the building materials to domestic products group, last year.

Hepworth reports a 12 per cent fall in group pre-tax profits from £102 million to £90 million for 1990, with a £13.6 million contribution from Saunier. Earnings eased

from 34.3p to 30.9p a share, but a 9.35p final dividend makes 14.85p, against 13.85p.

Sinclair Thomson, the chief executive, said the group achieved a 14.8 per cent return on sales. Despite a good start by Saunier to 1991 there was no sign of recovery elsewhere within the group, he said. Hepworth shares jumped 23p to 354p.

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Berkeley wants £44m for expansion

By MARTIN WALLER

BERKELEY Group, the housebuilder that is concentrated on the Southeast, is tapping the stock market for £44.2 million in a three for seven rights issue to fund an ambitious expansion programme.

The group has already committed £31 million this year to buy land sufficient for 450 homes at prices that it believes represent the bottom of the market and a "unique opportunity" to expand. It is paying £10.9 million for James Crosby, the residential housebuilder based in the Northwest.

Berkeley is also entering into a joint venture partnership with a long-term shareholder, Seed Investments Company, one of the biggest companies in Saudi Arabia, to buy a maximum of £100 million of commercial investment properties. Berkeley will put in up to £25 million but will be entitled to 40 per cent of profits.

The company has accepted to its 100p cash offer for Crosby for shareholders speaking for 28 per cent of the equity, while buying in the market yesterday brought it an additional 23 per cent. Crosby came to the stock market in mid-1987 with a £9 million price tag.

Berkeley is forecasting it will approximately break even in the year to end-April. Borrowings at the end of last month were £3.5 million, despite more than £50 million spent on land last year. It is forecasting a 3p final dividend, making a total unchanged at 4.5p.

Nestlé slips 5.8% to £856m

By GEORGE SWELL

NESTLÉ, the Swiss food group that owns Rowntree, the York confectioner, reported a fall in net profits of 5.8 per cent to Sfr2.27 billion (£856 million) in 1990.

Separate figures for Rowntree were not provided. Nestlé sells 98 per cent of its products outside Switzerland and suffered from the strength of the Swiss franc which reduced the value of sales by 3.5 per cent. The results were in line with forecasts and Nestlé's bearer shares traded at Sfr8.240 after

the profit announcement, unchanged from overnight. The registered shares were at Sfr8.080 francs, up 70 from overnight.

Nestlé said the margin on sales stayed virtually unchanged last year at 4.9 per cent, compared with 5 per cent in 1989.

Profit per share was 5.9 per cent lower at Sfr617. The fall was almost parallel to that of net profit, since the number of Nestlé shares had hardly varied.

For the current year, analysts expect consolidated net

profits of about the Sfr 2.5 billion.

Nestlé also tackled its rebel shareholders yesterday with a declaration that it had placed new shares on the stock market, openly rejecting claims by dissenting shareholders that the underlying capital increase was illegal.

Nestlé created 175,000 new shares early this year to be held in reserve for issue when the board saw fit. The move came after the lapsing of a court injunction obtained by a dissident shareholders group, to block the issue.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Next's shareholders choose Otto-Versand

NEXT'S shareholders have overwhelmingly approved the sale of the Grattan mail order business to Otto-Versand of Germany for £165 million, effectively rejecting a rival offer from Sears for a similar value. The deal, which was recommended by the board of Next, was also cleared by the European Commission, and will proceed.

Sears twice raised its bid and had said on Monday it was not prepared to go any higher. The company failed to obtain the support of Sir David Wolfson, the chairman, and David Jones, chief executive. The deal with Otto-Versand, owner of a 9.9 per cent stake in Next, includes a four-year distribution contract with Next Directory, which is not part of the Grattan sale. Next estimates the contract is worth £50 million to Grattan. In its argument against Sears, which offered a similar distribution agreement, Next's board said it was concerned about the quality and security of the service that would be provided.

De Morgan seeks £1.2m

DE MORGAN Group, the consultant surveyor, unveiled a £1.2 million, five-for-three rescue rights issue at 5p after pressure from its banks. The shares collapsed 10p to 20p on the news. The issue is 75.7 per cent underwritten by Caledonia Investments and Charterhouse Bank and has shareholder support. De Morgan's banks have made a new £500,000 loan conditional on receipt of the rights proceeds.

Spear edges up to £1.4m

JW SPEAR & Sons, the games and toys manufacturer, made pre-tax profits of £1.4 million last year against £1.3 million. Earnings a share were 17.9p (16.34p). The single dividend is increased from 7.5p to 8p a share. Turnover rose from £19.68 million to £22.81 million. The company made net stock provisions of £133,000 at the interim stage for slow-moving merchandise.

Wolstenholme falls

WOLSTENHOLME Rink is maintaining the total dividend at 16.3p a share, with a 10p final, despite suffering a fall in profits from £3.43 million before tax to £2.81 million last year. Earnings fell from 31p a share to 30.4p. Turnover was unchanged at £42.47 million, but operating profits fell from £4.22 million to £3.49 million.

The company, which supplies products for the printing industry and metal powders used primarily to reinforce concrete blocks, also gave a warning that the short-term outlook for the printing and building sectors remains bleak. Wolstenholme attributed the decline to the strength of sterling and to depressed demand for aluminium powders.

FI receives approaches

FOOD Industries, the Irish group 67 per cent owned by Goodman International, has received a number of approaches, though none has yet resulted in formal offers. FI was effectively put up for sale when Goodman was forced to seek protection from its creditors last August. Pre-tax profits fell 8 per cent to £7.4 million (£6.73 million) last year. A final dividend of 3.5p makes 5.1p, an increase of 4 per cent.

Profits dive at Ayrshire

AYRSHIRE Metal Products saw its pre-tax profits slump from £3.51 million to £1.21 million last year despite ASK McGowan's maiden contribution of £578,000. A final dividend of 1p cuts the total from 7.5p to 2.75p. Earnings per share fell from 25.5p to 8.5p. Turnover was maintained at £36.8 million but trading profits fell from £3.23 million to £1.3 million, affected by weak demand.

Kynoch sales at £3.9m

G&G Kynoch, the former textiles company that has refocused on medical equipment, reported profits of £148,000 before tax for the final quarter of last year, on turnover of £3.93 million.

These results include first contributions from MDH and Cape Environmental, which were acquired late last year. Comparative figures for 1989 were losses of £345,000 on sales of £1.05 million, which related exclusively to textiles. The company has changed its year-end to December 31 and will publish a second interim statement for the six months to the end-June, including contributions from British Sterilizer, acquired in January, and Cambridge Isolation Technology, in which Kynoch acquired a 49 per cent stake last month.

BASE RATE

With effect from close of business on 22 March 1991 Base Rate has been decreased from 13% to 12.5% per annum.



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Girobank plc
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Reg No: 1950000

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Change

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MERCHANT BANKERSHILL SAMUEL
BASE RATE

With effect from the close of business on Friday 22nd March, 1991 and until further notice, Hill Samuel Bank's Base Rate is reduced from 13% to 12.5% per annum.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to Hill Samuel Bank's Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

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BANK

With effect from the close of business on Friday, 22nd March 1991 and until further notice, TSB Base Rate is decreased from 13% p.a. to 12.5% p.a.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to TSB Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

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Standard Chartered

Base Rate

On and after 22nd March, 1991 Standard Chartered Bank's Base Rate for lending is being decreased from 13.00% to 12.50%

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Guinness 'genius' looks life squarely in the eye

BUSINESS PROFILE

By CAROL LEONARD

Anthony Tennant

Anthony Tennant, the chairman and chief executive of Guinness, removes his thick, black-rimmed spectacles. His face is exposed. He smiles nervously.

Without any adornment he looks entirely different. He has large, heavy features, his eyes are wide apart, overshadowed by bushy, grey eyebrows and a thick head of grey hair. A cautious and unusual face, it would be a sculptor's dream.

As he replaces the spectacles he reverts to type: a dry, logical and decisive businessman. He will talk at any length about business, always relaxed yet in control. About general issues, the need to boost the morale of the British business community, the government's treatment of the drinks industry. Or more specific concerns relating to Guinness, which has seen its capitalisation more than double to £8 billion since Tennant, paid £400,000 a year, took the helm in March 1987. Guinness is the ninth largest firm in Britain and the most profitable spirits company in the world.

Talk to Tennant, aged 60, about his childhood and his family, and his demeanour is transformed. The spectacles come off, he twitches, laughs uncomfortably and mutters something along the lines of "Ooh, goodness".

Tennant will dutifully answer each question, directly and honestly, looking you squarely in the eye.

If he hides at all, it is behind a false vagueness that has the useful side effect of encouraging people to underestimate him. As he speaks, it quickly becomes apparent that one facial feature is far more prominent than any of those obvious initially. It is his stiff upper lip.

Asked if he has ever been unhappy, he said: "Oh no, I've never really been through a period of my life when I was miserable. You've got to try to make the best of things. I have always enjoyed myself."

Question him about his success and he will attempt to attribute it entirely to luck. "I'm a great believer in luck. People always say that you make your own luck but I don't believe that. You can help it along a bit but, take this last position I'm in: I was looking around from within Grand Met when this opportunity coincided. I had gone to see the head hunter about something else entirely. We

fixed it all up within 24 hours."

Talk to him next about his days, before Guinness, as deputy chief executive of Grand Met, and of how he felt when Sir Stanley Grinstead, its retiring chairman, promoted Sir Allen Sheppard into the top job, instead of Tennant and he again displays British reserve. Surely he must have been upset? He said: "I don't think I've ever had my nose put out of joint by anything. I like Allen, I'd always enjoyed working with him. He wanted me to stay on and I said perhaps I will, but I will look around for a bit. It was all perfectly civilised."

Sheppard, who worked with Tennant for 12 years, said: "He is a nice guy. He will always tell you if he does not like something, he will not tolerate fools and he is shrewd. I have been in negotiations with him, on the same side, and he can be very deceptive."

'I was looking around from within GrandMet when this opportunity coincided. I had gone to see the head hunter about something else. We fixed it all up in 24 hours'

People do underestimate him. "There will be a lot more silences in a conversation with Anthony than with someone like me. You can see him thinking. I might say 5,000 words, he will say just ten, but if you analyse the content, there won't be much of a difference."

Sheppard said: "We rate him highly as a competitor. He is the sort of man who will always fight you on the sunlit slopes in terms of brand marketing rather than down in the shadows, cutting prices."

In Tennant's earlier life as a director, aged 29, of Ogilvy & Mather, the advertising agency and fire-runner to Ogilvy & Mather, it was he who sold the lines "Good Food Costs Less at Sainsbury's" to J Sainsbury and "The secret of Schlitz..." to Schweppes.

That Tennant went to Eton

and then to Cambridge has been well documented. Also that his wife Rosemary is a member of the Henderson family, long influential in the Square Mile. And that he is part of the wealthy Tennant clan, originally Yorkshire farmers who made a fortune when the first Lord Glenconner invented bleaching powder. The Tennants were prolific breeders. "There are good Tennants and bad Tennants and Anthony is very definitely one of the good ones," Sir Norman Macfarlane, a fellow Scot, now deputy chairman of Guinness and the man who picked Tennant for the Guinness job, said.

Tennant would not disagree. "My great grandfather financed railways in South America, he was an MP and had 16 children, three of them after the age of 79," he said. "My grandfather was the fifth or sixth child and was really a country gent. He was also an

really perform to the maximum of your ability."

Although Tennant appears relaxed, he is always fully briefed. "I'm very much a believer in being well informed," he said. "I think one does have to get very deeply involved in whatever one is doing, in order to be of any value. That means a thorough mastery of the subject in hand. There are no short cuts."

Yet, for a man who still regards work as a financial necessity, Tennant enjoys a comfortable lifestyle. Home, midweek, is in London's Victoria Gate, and, at weekends, a manor house with herringbone brickwork, built in 1480 and transported from Oxfordshire to Hampshire in 1927. There are "a couple of paddocks" and horses in training in Marlborough.

Self-made man or not, Tennant has the relaxed assurance of his class. He believes firmly that actions speak louder than words and everything about him is understated, almost to the point of self-deprecation. "I've never been terribly good at talking about myself. I can never think of anything terribly interesting to say."

Tennant dislikes large social gatherings. "I'm never very good at pushing myself forward, I hate being put on a pedestal." If a stranger at such a function were to ask him what he did for a living, he would reply, "Something in the drinks industry." His wife added: "He might say that he worked for Guinness." Would he say that he was chairman? "Oh no, never."

He is, on all fronts, the complete antithesis of Ernest Saunders, his predecessor. The office he inherited from Saunders, devoid of paper, has been halved in size. "I cut it down the middle and gave half to the finance director. It was so big, you could have played all kinds of funny games in there. When I muttered that they obviously had, Tennant laughed heartily. "I don't think those kind of funny games needed all that much room," he replied.

He has a sporting sense of fun. He was often in trouble at his prep school. "I was certainly caned more than anybody else there, by an extremely athletic headmaster," Tennant recalled. "For all kinds of pranks. I discovered, quite early on, that when we had meatballs, the high table had meatballs with eggs in the middle. In the middle of the night I raided the larder and took meatballs with eggs in them up to the dormitory."

Sir David Plastow, chairman and chief executive of Vickers and, with Macfarlane, deputy chairman of Guinness, agrees that Tennant has a good sense of humour. "But," he said, "if someone cracks a joke in a board meeting, he will laugh but that laughter will stop short. He is a genius in his field but he is also very determined and as hard as nails. I have had moments when I have not agreed with him and it is hard work. He can be persuaded to

than fair under any of the general valuation parameters. Bundaberg shares closed steady at Aus\$3.82 yesterday, Aus\$1.00 above their level before the bid was announced on Tuesday.

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Anthony Tennant and his wife Rosemary enjoying the air in their country garden

turn, but only if he respects the logic."

Plastow agreed that much as Tennant might try to play it down, his aristocratic air never leaves him. He said: "He is patrician in the best sense of the word. He is non-lavish to the point of near hair-shirt, which is good for that type of company, with all that glamour." Ask Tennant which characteristics most annoy him in other people and he will reply, "Brashness, insensitivity and not listening."

That private life he is so reluctant to discuss includes a broken home — his parents divorced when he was aged eight and his younger brother, Mark, now a High Court Judge, was aged six. The boys

were brought up by their mother, "a very individual, spirited sort of person," and stepfather, Lord Radcliffe, head of the information ministry during the war.

Although they remained on friendly terms with their father, who, in later life, also remarried and fathered two more children, their stepfather was the greatest influence in their formative years.

Tennant said: "He was far more than a stepfather, he influenced me a lot. He was a very stimulating man. Every holiday we would read a different Dickens novel."

Tennant's own marriage has been successful. They married when he was aged 23 and she 19. "We still are very much in love with one another."

They have two sons, Christopher, aged 35, a music agent, and Patrick, aged 33, a director of the European hotels division of Trusthouse Forte. Suddenly, the upper lip softens. "I would be moved to tears if something went wrong with people I love. I'm quite good at crying."

He loves his country too: "I am quite patriotic, in an emotional way," Tennant said. "I was in the US the other day watching CNN, and 'Stormin' Norman' came on and said how well the Brits had done. I felt quite emotional then."

Godfrey Davis advances to £22m

By NEIL BENNETT

GODFREY Davis, the textile, car dealership and construction services group, increased pre-tax profits by 4 per cent to £22.3 million last year but has given warning that profits will fall this year due to the slump in the hotel industry.

John Ivey, the chief executive, said the fall in hotel occupancy caused by the Gulf war had slashed demand in the group's laundry business. "I can't conjure up customers," he said. "Things look difficult this year, but we did not do so badly last year. We will cope with it and come out just as strong."

Davis is paying a final dividend of 5.25p, to make 7.98p for the year, a 2 per cent rise.

Davis's most profitable division in the year was textile maintenance, which increased operating profits by 27 per cent to £14.1 million. This included full year contributions from the Practical Uniform Company and the Co-operative Laundries Society, which Davis bought in 1989.

Mr Ivey said that some of the fall in demand from hotels had been compensated by new business from hospitals, but not enough to prevent a profit fall since the start of the year.

Profits after interest costs fell in the contract hire and Ford dealership chain due to reduced sales and residual values. Davis's fleet grew by 20 per cent to 12,000. The company said that their customers were extending contracts rather than taking on new cars.

The portable building supplier suffered from reduced orders due to the recession in the construction industry and cash constraints on local education authorities, the division's main customers. The support services division, which includes contract cleaning and catering, was the least affected by the recession.

Davis suffered costs of £1 million from its abortive bid for Sketchley at the start of the year, but this was offset by a £300,000 extraordinary profit on a property disposal.

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Profits at Peek decline to £9.7m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

PEEK, the traffic and data systems group, said pre-tax profits for the year fell from £11.4 million to £9.7 million.

Viscount Slim, the chairman, said the 15 per cent decline reflected slower than expected sales growth in navigation and continuing difficult market conditions in connectors. Ken Maud, the chief executive, added that costs had been reduced and management strengthened at the connector companies and that they "should make an acceptable return" in 1991.

Group turnover was up 5 per cent to £70.7 million, though earnings per share fell from 7.9p to 6.4p. The company ended the year with an unguaranteed balance sheet and £5 million cash in the bank. The

final dividend is 2.35p, making 3.4p for the year, a 3 per cent increase on 1989.

The company also announced boardroom changes, with Viscount Slim stepping down as chairman after the annual meeting in April. He will remain as a non-executive director. He will be replaced by Mr Maud, who will become executive chairman. Allen Standley has been appointed managing director.

Viscount Slim said Peek would continue to concentrate on its core markets in traffic and data systems. "These two markets give us ample international scope for growth in sales, profits and cash generation and are of a size where we can gain a significant market share," he said.

Tate 'will not raise bid'

Sydney TATE & Lyle has no plans to lift its Aus\$3.70 (£1.59) a share offer price for Bundaberg Sugar, the Australian sugar producer, despite the shares trading above the price.

"Our decision is at Aus\$3.70 it's the right price and... if there's any change to that decision we will make it, but I can tell you right now we're a long way from making a decision of that kind," said Neil Shaw, the chairman.

He said Tate considered the offer, valuing Bundaberg at Aus\$290 million, to be more than fair under any of the general valuation parameters. Bundaberg shares closed steady at Aus\$3.82 yesterday, Aus\$1.00 above their level before the bid was announced on Tuesday.

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Company share schemes opened for Pep plans

By SARA MCCONNELL

MOST employees of publicly quoted companies are likely to be able to put shares given to them or bought under an employee share scheme into a tax-free personal equity plan from the start of next year.

The Budget proposes that from January 1 investors will be able to put £3,000 a year into a Pep investing in the shares of a single company, in addition to the existing £6,000 allowance for investment in a general plan. From the same date, employees will also be able to transfer shares acquired under approved all-employee share schemes, either a profit sharing scheme or a savings-related share option scheme, into a single share Pep without having to pay capital gains tax.

Share save schemes give employees the option to buy shares in their company, after saving regularly with a bank or building society for either five or seven years. The monthly limit was increased in the Budget from £150 to £250. The society adds a bonus to the fund built up, which can be used to buy shares in the company, or the cash and bonus withdrawn.

The share price is fixed at the outset and can be up to 20 per cent below the market price at the time. Employees in profit sharing schemes are given a proportion of shares in the company, tax-free as part of their salary. The limits on profit-sharing schemes will go up from April 6 to £3,000 or 10 per cent of salary if greater, up to £8,000.

Before the Budget, those whose share save plans had matured and who had bought shares would have had to sell these and put the cash realised into a plan, as Pep plans normally only accept cash. From the beginning of next

year, shares can be transferred directly into a single company Pep which saves dealing charges. Bob Birkhead, manager of corporate business administration at the Halifax Building Society, said: "The government has done a lot to encourage people to join schemes like share save, but nothing to encourage people to keep shares until now."

Some 48 publicly quoted companies have already set up corporate Peps, but employee benefit consultants believe most will probably have one

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in place by next January. Richard Cockman, chairman of Cockman consultants and Partners, which manages 35 corporate Peps for various companies, said: "Most public companies will almost certainly have to launch a Pep. People were looking for some support for a link between employee share schemes and corporate Peps."

Companies that already have a corporate Pep will probably have to set up another Pep approved by the Inland Revenue to receive transfers from employee share schemes.

An Inland Revenue working party will decide in the autumn how the transfer will

work. Some companies may set up a corporate Pep with a limit of £3,000 a year next to a general Pep with an annual limit of £6,000.

Elaine Flowers, senior consultant at Mercer Fraser, said: "It will be possible to have two Peps, a corporate Pep and a general Pep, which increase the individual's investment ceiling from £6,000 to £9,000."

Corporate Peps are cheaper to manage than general Peps and lower charges are passed on to investors. Companies often buy shares in bulk and will quite often cover most of the costs for employees. Dealing costs are low as only one stock is held. According to the Chase de Vere Pep guide, most single share schemes have an initial charge of between 0.5 and 1 per cent, while annual management charges are another 0.5 to 1 per cent. Some companies charge an initial flat rate of between £5 and £10 to cover administration and an annual charge of about 0.5 per cent.

This compares favourably with an average 5 per cent annual charge and a 1 per cent annual charge generally for Peps. Plans that include unit trusts normally charge 1 per cent annually for the trust management in addition to Pep management.

Self-select Peps that allow investors to choose their own stocks from banks like Lloyds are initially cheaper but charge for withdrawing or transferring from the plan. Lloyds' Choice Pep carries a £25 charge at the start and an annual charge of 1 per cent. The first withdrawal is free, then the bank charges £10 a time. Transfers cost 0.25 per cent a time.

Robin Bloor, deputy managing director at Chase de



Richard Cockman, whose consultancy firm manages 35 corporate Peps, believes that most public companies will now have to launch one

Vere Investments, said that people taking advantage of the extra £3,000 investment limit, are taking more of a risk. "It sounds great, but people should remember they are sticking their name firmly against one company. Look what's happened to lots of companies recently."

Unit trust and investment trust providers also argue that the Chancellor's assistance for corporate Peps has not helped the private investor. Barry Bateman, managing director of Fidelity, said: "It is disappointing that the change of chancellor has not changed the government bias against collective investment schemes."

Pep managers welcomed the announcement that unit trusts or investment trusts would qualify for a Pep if at least 50 per cent of the trust was invested in shares quoted in European Community member states.

Dishonest savers face large fines

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

SAVERS who falsely claim that they are non-taxpayers to earn interest without deduction of tax on building society and bank accounts could face fines of up to £3,000.

Those who register and then find their income rises above their personal tax allowances also risk being fined if they deliberately fail to inform their bank or building society.

Parents who register their children's accounts when they know too much of their savings came from the parents to qualify for gross interest, could also be fined. The announcement of the new penalty in the Budget comes two weeks before composite rate tax is scrapped. From April 6, interest on savings

will be taxed at the basic rate of tax (25 per cent) instead of the lower composite rate (22 per cent). The 15 million savers who are non-taxpayers will be able to receive interest gross from that date.

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Single people and married

women will be able to earn £3,295 before they become taxpayers. Married men can earn £5,015. Single people and married women aged between 65 and 74 can earn £4,020. Married men of this age can earn £6,375. Single people aged over 75 can earn £4,180 and married men can earn a total of £6,575. Mortgage tax relief and other allowances will add to these basic allowances for some savers.

Children under 16 qualify for gross payment of interest if they have a total income below the single person's allowance and they earn less than £100 interest a year on money from each of their parents, who can each give them £800.

The Inland Revenue said: "Parents could face a fine of

£3,000 if they put a large sum into a child's account and had about where it came from. Each case will be considered according to the facts. If someone had a lot of accounts with substantial sums of money in them, it would be obvious that they were deliberately making a false declaration. If the saver were just a few pounds over it would be considered differently."

Many married women who have savings in building society or bank accounts wrongly believe they are non-taxpayers even though they receive substantially more interest each year than their personal tax allowance. Until now they have had composite rate tax deducted and had no further tax to pay if their income was less than £20,700 a year.

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Paying over the going rate

Spring, the season for house-hunting, arrived this week and was welcomed by another bank base rate cut of half a percentage point. Within minutes of the announcement, Nationwide Building Society cut its mortgage rate.

However, the second largest society was not thinking of its hard-pressed existing borrowers who are struggling to pay high mortgage rates. It was cynically trying to steal a march on its more straight-dealing rivals.

The cut of 0.95 of a percentage point from Easter Monday gives a standard mortgage rate of 12.95 per cent to new customers borrowing up to £60,000 and a rate as low as 11.95 per cent for those borrowing £120,000 or more. It is certainly attractive business for the society and the cut, which takes into account a future cut in bank base rates, is likely to bring a lot of new borrowers to its door.

Some existing borrowers are also offered comfort in the form of a further half a percentage

point reduction on their mortgage rate if they move house and stay with the society.

The Nationwide seems to want it all ways. It has not cut its rate for the loyal long-paying borrowers. Only those who might be tempted by mortgage products offered elsewhere are being considered. The vast majority of Nationwide borrowers will start April paying more than the going rate for a mortgage. The society's base rate is 13.9 per cent, compared with the Halifax's 13.75 per cent.

If Nationwide was in line on its standard mortgage rate charged to its 1.1 million existing borrowers, it would be less liable to criticism. Their turn will come after another base rate cut.

Those considering the new offer should remember that they too will become existing borrowers if they take the society's



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money. They too could, in time, find they are paying over the odds for their loan.

It is far cheaper for a society to offer new borrowers a discount than to cut the mortgage rate for all. The society does not have to cut its savers' rates to do so thus making them as uncompetitive as its mortgage rate for existing customers.

The Nationwide may also hope that it will make more out of commissions on insurance policies and other products sold to new customers than it gives them as a discount. This may be enter-

prising at a time when lenders hope that the property market will begin to pick up. It is not, however, the behaviour expected of a mutual with the interests of its members uppermost in its thoughts.

Bonus ties

Bonuses for both investors and borrowers are now a common feature of building society mergers. Leamington Spa savers will receive 1 per cent if members vote in favour of the

merger with the Bradford & Bingley. Bedford Crown investors will receive 3 per cent if members vote for amalgamation with the Cheltenham & Gloucester.

In addition to rewarding loyalty, such bonuses may encourage members to vote positively for a merger. The Bradford & Bingley has probably lost thousands of votes as a result of the cut off date for Leamington members.

It has chosen January 1 and thus disqualified all the people who invested as soon as the new tax exempt special savings accounts became available. Tessa were officially launched on January 1, but because branches did not open on that day, the earliest that Tessa money could be invested was January 2, a Bradford & Bingley official explained. The qualifying date for the extra money is often the

date when terms were agreed between the societies and can be a matter of days or weeks before the merger becomes public. It is unfortunate that the date chosen by the Bradford & Bingley manages to exclude the account that took in the most money in January.

The announcement that the merger was taking place was not made until six weeks later. It seems unlikely that the chief executives of the two societies agreed the deal on a public holiday. But they will have known how popular Tessa had been by the time the bonus was declared.

The Bradford & Bingley has yet to announce what it proposes to do with the interest rates on existing Leamington Spa accounts. It has, however, guaranteed the differential for the five year account above its own ordinary share account.

Bedford Crown Tessa investors will receive the 3 per cent when the societies merge on July 20, the Cheltenham & Gloucester said.

Budget sanctions sales of shares over counter

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

SHARES could be on sale in supermarkets and chain stores alongside groceries and clothes within a year if a scheme outlined in the Budget receives support from financial institutions and retail groups.

To give the proposal a boost, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, offered high street institutions the opportunity to sell off part of the government's remaining stake in British Telecom. They could be allocated shares in the company to sell over the counter.

The government would welcome a supermarket joining forces with a prominent stockbroker to offer an accessible and cheap share-dealing service, or a chain store joining forces with an investment bank, according to Francis Maude, financial secretary to the Treasury.

The privatisations had helped to quadruple the number of people holding shares, he said, but had not encouraged people to be active shareholders. A high street network of share shops could achieve this. "The main barrier is the inaccessibility and remoteness of the Stock Exchange and stockbrokers. Stockbrokers have not come to the high street."

Mr Maude emphasised that the Treasury had no preconceived ideas. "An obvious institution to do this would be a clearing bank or a building society. We would welcome propositions from combinations of organisations. It could be of interest to organisations in the retail sector."

He added: "We are not very far down the line. If Sainsbury's came up with a proposition to sell shares in shops, it would be looked at. If they want to sell Sainsbury's shares, they would have to consult whether they could do that." The Companies Act prevents firms from dealing in their own shares, Mr Maude

said it would be helpful for section 151 of the act to be clarified.

A spokesman for J Sainsbury said: "The way Sainsbury's foresees its development in the year to come, it would be a long way down the line." The supermarket has no financial products.

Marks and Spencer already has two unit trusts and offers tax-free personal equity plans (Peps). Leaflets on these products are in all stores at cash desks and most sales are made as a result of customers using

Regulatory costs could also prove a burden for share shops in stores offering a buying and selling service, as they would be deemed to be procuring investments. Selling a new issue share at a fixed price might be viewed less stringently.

A stores group could act as the appointed representative of a broker for the sale of privatisation shares. If they wanted to apply to the Securities and Investments Board for membership, there would be an initial fee of £4,000 plus

in the light of the BT second phase proposal.

Barclays handled more than one million transactions during the sale of the 12 electricity companies. Tony Vine-Lott, managing director of Barclays Broker Services, said the bank was keen to put forward a service to sell privatisation shares. It also wanted to provide dealing services with other organisations. "I see no reason why it should preclude supermarkets, such as Sainsbury's," he said.

"We are talking to a lot of organisations to promote our corporate share-dealing service. We would consider any organisation with the right sort of quality image that could sell shares."

However, Mr Vine-Lott was not sure that a new system could be any cheaper than the bank's current charges. These worked out at a minimum of £12.50 on electricity shares or £28 on other deals. "This is not expensive if you are selling £2,000 worth of shares, but it is if you have £200."

On the question of selling the BT shares, Mr Vine-Lott said if shares were allocated to institutions for them to sell, one problem would be how to impose rationing and exclude multiple purchases. "We would not want queues. We would have to look at a pre-registration system and for this to work you would need a client relationship. This would tend to rule out supermarkets, but Marks and Spencer, with its credit operation, could support an orderly market."

National Westminster Bank

Privatisations have not turned people into active shareholders. 'The main barrier is the inaccessibility and remoteness of the Stock Exchange.'

these. A spokeswoman said: "We're examining closely the detail and the implications of the proposals. It would be a very different departure. The store is involved merely as a vehicle to get information to the public for the unit trusts and Peps. We have nothing like it in our stores."

The introduction of the Taurus system, which will do away with share certificates, will allow share shops to set up systems that would enable costs to fall substantially, said Mr Maude.

In the past, share shops have failed because there was not sufficient business. Mr Maude said this time it would be different because there would be a national network, not just one or two share shops, and there would be greater demand.

Any firm offering shares for sale would need to be authorised under the Financial Services Act. That could prove a stumbling block.

£40 for each person carrying out investment activities. For firms with more than 100 involved in investment business, the annual fee is £14,000 plus £30 for each individual.

Abbey National, which has the largest shareholder list in Europe with 3.7 million shareholders, already deals in its own shares, those of the electricity companies and PowerGen and National Power. The service, offered with Sharelink, has a minimum fee of £12.50.

Malcolm Holdsworth, project manager, share-dealing services at Abbey National said: "We have chosen the centralised dealing services rather than the share shop approach. If it were in the branches, it would vary from just a trickle of business day to day and huge queues at times of privatisations preventing us from carrying on with our core business." However, he said: "We'll be looking at it afresh



Shares off the shelf: the hope is for supermarkets and stockbrokers to join forces

will open its first investment shop in Taunton on April 2. The shop, separate from a branch, will have an instant dealing touchscreen. Midland Bank already has 20 share shops in branches and two in Debenhams stores.

David Powell, director of personal financial services at National Westminster Bank, said: "We are excited by the idea of share shops. We are well placed for share dealing in

the High Street. We have started looking at the Budget proposals, but it is too early to say whether we would go ahead." The bank already provides a share-dealing service for British Gas shareholders and employees.

Steve Crookford of Midland Stockbrokers said: "I think it has to be remembered that the clearing banks have share-dealing services. It is very low profile. We need to raise the

profile. Share shops can do this and we are opening more this year."

Skipton Building Society offered free dealing in any of the electricity companies to investors who bought their shares through one of its branches.

As a result of the offer, run with Capel Cure Myers Capital Management, the society attracted 20,000 new investment accounts.

Pay plans receive tax boost

By SARA MCCONNELL

PEOPLE who get part of their salary as profit-related pay will be able to take the whole of any profit paid in the first 12-month period after April 1 tax free up to the existing limits of £4,000 or 20 per cent of salary, whichever is the lower.

Before this measure was announced in the Budget, only half of this limit was free of tax. The Inland Revenue calculates that the extra tax break will be worth as much as £1,000 a year for a basic rate taxpayer and up to £1,600 for a higher rate taxpayer.

Announcing the changes, Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "There are now about 1,250 schemes in total involving nearly 300,000 employees. But there can, and should be, many more. So I propose to make the scheme more attractive."

The amount of profit-related pay received by individual employees as part of their total pay and benefits package tends to vary in line with the profitability of the company.

Employers are to receive a set of guidelines from the Inland Revenue on how to set up profit-related pay schemes. The Chancellor also introduced incentives for companies to develop employee share ownership schemes that would benefit the whole company and not just highly paid executives.

From January next year, the price of shares under executive share options may be set at a discount of up to 15 per cent of the shares' market value, as long as the company has a share scheme for all its employees.

Homeowners face deadline on claims for higher relief

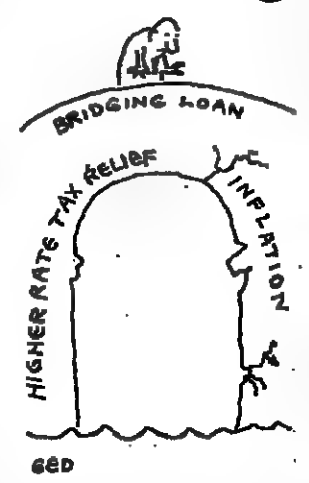
HIGHER rate taxpayers who are planning to move house with the help of a bridging loan will be able to keep some higher rate tax relief if their financial arrangements are in place by April 6. This could save them £624 a year (Lindsay Cook writes).

From that date, 860,000 higher rate taxpayers will have their tax relief cut to the basic rate of 25 per cent. To compensate, the threshold for the 40 per cent tax is raised by £3,000 to £23,700. The change will increase the monthly mortgage cost to higher rate taxpayers with £30,000 loans by £52.

The indexation of personal allowances also reduces the immediate impact, but this means that higher rate taxpayers will in effect not be compensated for inflation.

The Chancellor recognised that those people forced to take a bridging loan because they could not sell their existing home quickly enough would be doubly hit by the removal of the higher rate relief on both loans. The legislation will therefore allow those people who are entitled to higher rate relief on their first property to keep this.

To qualify, the original loan and bridging loan must be in place before April 6, or should be taken out "in pursuance of a binding contract to purchase a property made before that



date". In these cases, the loan offer will have to be made in writing before April 6.

The restriction of the tax relief to basic rate will save £220 million in 1991-92 and £420 million the following year, assuming a mortgage rate of 13.75 per cent.

The change will also affect existing and new loans taken out by elderly people as part of home income plans. These usually use a loan to buy an annuity. A new tax regime for annuities could also reduce the yield on these from January, making home income plans more valuable for the elderly. Higher rate relief is awarded through the tax code system. The codes for the

financial year starting on April 6 have been issued. The Inland Revenue will, however, revise those for higher rate mortgage payers so that they do not underpay tax in the coming year and have to pay it back in 1992-3.

Employees who receive cheap mortgages, who are higher rate taxpayers, will be subject to a new 15 per cent tax charge as a result of the change. This will apply to the first £30,000 of the mortgage. To compensate them, the official interest rate, which is used to work out the taxable value of their benefit in kind, will be reduced. Until now, the official rate has tended to be higher than mortgage rates, but it will be brought into line.

The ceiling for the size of loans qualifying for tax relief is unchanged at £30,000. A few days before the Budget, Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury, said that scrapping higher rate relief could finance an increase in the ceiling of £7,000 at no cost.

After the Budget, Mr Maude said there were no plans to get rid of basic rate relief, which was received by 10 million people. He added that the Chancellor thought it was appropriate to maintain it at £30,000. At current interest rates, the tax relief is worth £30 a month to someone with a £30,000 loan.

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Credit firms may pay for debt service

By Liz Dolan

MORE than half a million families in Britain are in serious debt, and the figure is rising fast in the wake of the recession and the continuing increase in unemployment.

The deepening debt problem has given rise to an initiative to try and curb its worst effects. Companies who grant credit are being asked to contribute towards a new scheme to help people who overborrowed in the boom years of the Eighties and do not know how to get out of the resulting difficulty.

Over the next few months, all credit granters will be asked to contribute £10 for every £1 million on their loan books in each of the next three years to help fund nationwide debt counselling initiatives.

The request for aid, which is expected to raise £3 million a year for the next three years, comes from the Money Advice Trust, set up last September in response to a recommendation by the Ezra working party on money advice, which reported in 1989.

Trustees include representatives from the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, the National Consumer Council and Marks and Spencer.

The trust is chaired by Sir George Blunden, the former deputy governor of the Bank of England. Sir George said this week that he would have no sympathy with credit

granters who refused to take responsibility for the problem.

He said: "Inevitably there are many borrowers who have been granted credit which should have been refused. Many lenders of course will never admit to over having made a bad loan. But others are more honest."

"Responsibility for many of the problems with which money advisers struggle must fall on the lending institutions because of their own bad lending."

The trust does not propose to fund individual counselling services. Instead, it will finance services like the regional money advice support units backed by the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Telephone hotlines for debt counsellors are another possible area of support.

The trust was established with the temporary financial backing of the Regency Trust, a non-profit making organisation which registers county court judgments.

Malcolm Hurston, of the Regency Trust, said: "We set it up because nothing seemed to be happening in the wake of the Ezra Report. It was a very good, well-received report, but no one seemed to be putting its recommendations into practice."

The trust plans to shame lenders that are unwilling to contribute by publishing a list of companies that do pay up.

Halifax lifts Tessa

By Sara McConnell

THE Halifax has increased the rates on its tax exempt special savings account (Tessa) despite the three half-point base rate cuts in the last month.

The new gross rate for the largest society's Tessa account, of which there are 270,000 holders, is 14 per cent, up from 13.5 per cent. "We are hoping to encourage people by showing that we can increase the rate even when base rates are being cut."

Anniversary and lump sum bonuses are fixed for five years and paid on each anniversary, from 1.5 per cent in the first year to 0.25 per cent in the fifth year. Savers receive

another lump sum bonus of £100 if they invest the maximum every year for five years.

Other rates on the 90-Day Xtra account, the Instant Xtra Plus Account, the Paid Share and the Maxim are cut by 0.85 per cent from today.

Other banks and building societies are continuing to cut their rates on savings accounts, although only a handful have cut Tessa rates.

The Chesham & Gloucester has cut rates on all its savings accounts by 1 per cent, but is keeping its Maxi Tessa rate at 15.33 per cent until July 1.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

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Lloyds	8.15	8.40	6.50	6.75	1 mth 071-628 1587
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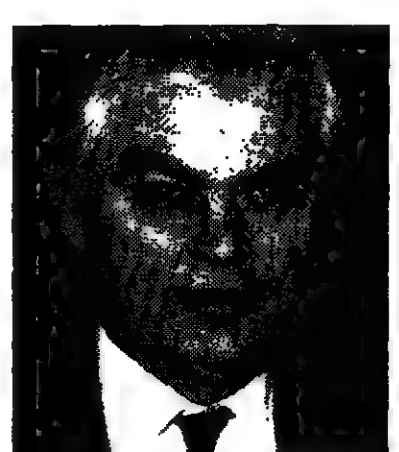
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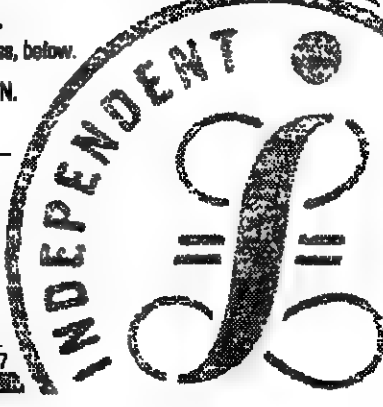
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1	Lykes (S)	Textiles	
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3	TT Group	Industrials S-Z	
4	Stand Chart	Bank, Discount	
5	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
6	Canons 'A'	Drapery, Stores	
7	Bodyside	Industrials A-D	
8	BAA	Transport	
9	Enterprise	Oil, Gas	
10	Am New Z	Bank, Discount	
11	Anglo Sec	Building, Roads	
12	Tatani	Textiles	
13	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
14	First Nat Fin	Bank, Discount	
15	Hecht Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
16	McCarthy & S	Building, Roads	
17	Scott TV	Leisure	
18	Barnard Canal	Oil, Gas	
19	Be Airways	Transport	
20	Farnham	Electricals	
21	Macgill	Electricals	
22	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
23	Multitech Elst	Electricals	
24	Wolfrumpton & D	Breweries	
25	Sharpe & Fisher	Building, Roads	
26	Grovesend Sec	Industrials E-K	
27	Meyer Int	Building, Roads	
28	King & Shazam	Bank, Discount	
29	Lemont	Textiles	
30	TNT	Transport	
31	Owners Ahead	Leisure	
32	Capital Radio	Leisure	
33	Strong & Fisher	Shoes, Leather	
34	Gauger	Property	
35	Johnstone Press	Newspapers, Pub	
36	ERA Gp	Drapery, Stores	
37	Chamberlain & Hill	Industrials A-D	
38	Portals	Industrials L-R	
39	Br Mobley	Textiles	
40	Forrestly Hotels	Hotels, Caterers	
41	Widling Office	Drapery, Stores	
42	Booth Inds	Industrials A-D	
43	Braden	Industrials A-D	
44	Molins	Industrials L-R	
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There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum competition yesterday. The £2,000 prize will be added to Monday's competition.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91	High	Low	Bank	Price	Change	%	Gain or Loss
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
UNDATED							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
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10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
INDEX-LINKED							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
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9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
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7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50

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1990/91	High	Low	Bank	Price	Change	%	Gain or Loss
BREWERS							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50

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BUILDING, ROADS							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
10	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50

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ELECTRICITY							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
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1990/91	High	Low	Bank	Price	Change	%	Gain or Loss
FINANCE, LAND							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
6	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
7	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
8	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
9	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
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1990/91	High	Low	Bank	Price	Change	%	Gain or Loss
FINANCIAL TRUSTS							
1	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
2	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
3	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
4	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50
5	100.00	99.50	100.00	99.50	-0.50	-0.5%	-0.50

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IOC delegates seeking change in South Africa

The International Olympic Committee here in Geneva has shown, through the Olympic Games in Seoul, that it has the capacity to assist in the harmonisation of world affairs. It is about to attempt an even more important role in South Africa, which has not taken part in an Olympic Games since 1960 and was finally suspended from membership in 1970 for its racist inhumanities.

The weight of the IOC as a world organisation has immeasurably grown since that time in Amsterdam 21 years ago when South Africa was thrown out. The international sporting boycott, meanwhile, has caused immense pain to the government and to the white minority of that country, and helped force its hand in liberalisation. The IOC delegation left here for Johannesburg last night, can now help bring together the ranks of President F. W. de Klerk and Nelson Mandela.

The delegation is led by Judge



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Kaba M'Baye, for 18 years president of the Supreme Court in Dakar, Senegal, and now judge at The Hague International Court. Before departing, M'Baye, entrusted with a critical role in sporting history by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, said: "I am hopeful that we are going to be able to discuss the situation with the highest authorities. It would be premature to say that South Africa may participate in the Olympic Games next year, because that is very close, and the situation does not depend on the IOC."

"It depends on the normalisation of laws in South Africa, and for the organisation of sport there to become unified. The latter is already in progress and,

for example, the creation of an interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa is an excellent development — a historic decision that will have a certain weight during forthcoming developments.

"At every stage, we in sport have to judge what can be done to help accelerate (social) changes. Any step that can be seen to be helpful should be taken." The inference of this last comment is that the IOC may be willing to accept the reintroduction of South Africa to the Olympic family in advance of total unification in governing bodies of all South African sports.

The delegation led by M'Baye includes Jean-Claude Gangs, of Congo, for so long one of the most

radical anti-apartheid activists with the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa before he became an IOC member in 1986; General Henry Adefope, of Nigeria; Kavan Gopfer, of Australia, an IOC vice-president; Edwin Moses, representing the Athletics Commission; and Maître François Carrard, an eminent Swiss lawyer who is now director-general of the IOC. Also attending are the commission's special advisors, Lamin Ba, of Cameroon and Felrou Kidane, an exiled Ethiopian.

An absentee is Sam Ramsamy, the former Durban teacher now living in London and for 20 years a continuous needle in South Africa's side as a representative of

the politically-orientated South African Non-Racial Committee. Ramsamy has considered there was a conflict of interest in his pursuit of the position of chairman of the interim NOC, to which he was unanimously elected by all sides last week. Whether his new post is also interim remains to be seen.

Gopfer, who for uniformity made the long trip from Melbourne to Johannesburg via Switzerland, said last night: "I feel there is a possibility that South Africa could be seen in Barcelona next year; if we can return from Johannesburg with constructive proposals." Gopfer hosted a business dinner for Nelson Mandela on his visit to Australia three months ago, and is optimistic that the commission will be able to talk with both de Klerk and Mandela, even though the ANC leader is at present under instruction to rest for the sake of his health.

Various indications suggest, given the termination of race laws by de Klerk in June, that Black

Africa is ready to endorse a decision by the IOC to readmit South Africa at its session at Birmingham, also in June. The African football federations (CAF) are considering the possibility of South Africa being host for the nations championship of 1996, following Senegal next year and Zaire in 1994.

The readmission of South Africa as participants, eagerly awaited because of the huge funds available within South African football, is to be debated soon by the CAF executive. Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, has stated that the re-admission of South Africa could be rushed through, contrary to the IAAF's constitutional regulations, in order for them to be present at the world championships this coming autumn, and IAAF delegates are said to be in South Africa this coming week simultaneously with the IOC commission.

The last visit by the IOC to South Africa was in 1967, led by

Lord Killanin, the year before the Olympic Games in Mexico City. It served only to harden the IOC's attitude of South African exclusion: four black members of the commission were humiliatingly treated by white functionaries.

Throughout the boycott years, some white-organised sports, worked overtime to integrate with the black community, but remained frustrated in their attempt to retain international relations by the intransigent race laws that govern the country. Moreover, even when sports such as football, athletics and boxing achieved a high degree of racial integration, political strategists kept moving the goalposts of exclusion. Rebel critics and rugby tours merely intensified radical action that, by now, had the backing of the United Nations. There is no doubting that the medium of sport will have helped to fashion the face of South Africa and the IOC is now rightly seeking to press home the advantage in one of white South Africa's most sensitive areas.

RUGBY UNION

Recall for Redman as Bath go in search of revenge

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS time last year Nottingham cast a long shadow over club rugby in England. It was not that they were in danger of winning the Courage Clubs Championship, but they proved, by beating Bath, Harlequins and Gloucester, to be spoilers *par excellence* and without their co-operation, Wasps would not have become champions.

Wasps are now one of three clubs hoping Nottingham can do it again, by beating Bath at Deenton today. If that were to happen, then the first division would be wide open again, having looked a closed shop before Christmas. Orrell and Wasps, assuming they both win, against Gloucester and Northampton respectively, would begin to fancy their chances, and, depending on the result of their game at Welford Road today, Leicester or Harlequins would renew their hopes.

Nottingham, moreover, are at full strength, which is more than can be said for several clubs this weekend, various players having succumbed to the lure of fifteen, ten, or seven-a-side rugby in Hong Kong. The objective for Nottingham throughout the season has been a place in the top four of the first division — they lie in seventh position this morning — although they have already achieved a place in the last four of the Pilkington Cup.

They have chosen to drop that consistent, all-round forward, Peter Cook, in favour of Greg Koral at blind-side flanker, which would be a relief to Bath were they not aware that Alan Davies, the Nottingham coach, knows his business as well as anyone. "We have not won at Nottingham since 1984," Richard Hill, the Bath and England scrum half said.

"Obviously our failure last year is preying on all our minds. We have got to try and play it wide so that their forwards cannot have too much influence... and then we have got to stop Simon Hodgkinson kicking goals."

Bath, having omitted Nigel Redman for the league game against Wasps, which they lost, recall the England lock in preference to Damian Cronin, of Scotland, in the knowledge that a defeat, and an Orrell victory, would mean the Lancashire club going top on points difference.

Not many clubs win at Kingsholm, but Orrell will be reasonably confident of doing so despite the loss of Steve Taberner, their full back, with damaged ribs. Gloucester are without Mike Teague and Ian Smith, both in Hong Kong, and Simon Morris, their promising centre.

Their weakened condition is as nothing compared to Harlequins, however, who have given four players to the Barbarians VII, one to the ten-a-side tournament in Hong Kong and have Simon Halliday ineligible for league duty and Paul Ackford on holiday.

Wasps, meanwhile, welcome back Chris Oti against Northampton. The wing has been away for the best part of five months, recovering from a ruptured Achilles tendon, but if, during the remainder of the season, he can recover something like his best form, then the possibility of a place in England's World-Cup squad is not beyond him.

At the other end of the table, defeat for Liverpool St Helens at Rossllyn Park will signal the end of their first-division hopes. They have yet to win a league game this season, and though they came within a couple of points of doing so against Nottingham a fortnight ago, they face an unenviable task today.

Moseley, one place above them, have concealed their hand by naming a 20-strong squad for the encounter with Bristol, who did the same before Moseley beat them in the fourth round of the cup in January.

Barry Evans, the Leicester wing capped by England in 1988, will miss the rest of the season after an operation on the ankle which has limited him to ten games this season.

Gray and Hodgkinson return from international duty to boost Nottingham, though there is a doubt over Hackney's fitness. Bath prefer Friedman to Cronin at lock, but rest Adebayo, the wing, and play Fallon.

Rossllyn P v Liverpool SH Brooks has recovered from injury to play No. 8 for Rossllyn Park, who field Jeremy Hunter, who holds at stand-off. Liverpool hope that backs Nick Simms and Wilf Jones pass fitness tests.

Wasps v Northampton Wasps give McCormack a rest, centre cutting at loose-head prop and Chiles replaces the unavailable Lacey at centre. Northampton, missing Hunter, Rodder and Oliver, bring Ebsworth in at full back. Hall to second row and Roworth to hooker.

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Sevens up: Sole, of Scotland, enjoys a training session for the Hong Kong event

Scotland eager to succeed

FROM TOM CLARKE IN HONG KONG

IF THE fields of Metrose and Hawick are the spiritual homes of seven-a-side rugby, then Hong Kong is its razzle-dazzle world showpiece. Which is why John Jeffrey and his Scotland squad have a particular determination to win the Hong Kong sevens this weekend — and become the first team from the British Isles to succeed here since the 1981 Barbarians.

Jeffrey is captain and coach, and he has six other full caps in Scott Hastings, Sole, White, Chalmers, Stanger and Oliver, plus two B internationals in Nichol and Kirkpatrick.

"They've all looked very sharp in training here," Graham Young, their manager, said, "and we're keen to do well, although we have to recognise the talents of the southern hemisphere teams, particularly the Fijians, and the efforts they have put into their preparations." Now in its sixteenth year

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MOTOR RACING

Senna overcomes the hazards to take pole position

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN SÃO PAULO

AYRTON Senna claimed pole position once again yesterday, albeit provisionally, for tomorrow's Brazilian grand prix but not before elements and Jean Alesi's Ferrari had both pushed the Brazilian world champion to his limits. Senna's team-mate, Gerhard Berger, was third, Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost and Nelson Piquet make up the remaining places on the front of the grid.

"It was a lottery out there today," is what both Senna and Prost had to say, one of the rare times the two arch rivals have been in agreement in the last two years. It was, in truth, an extraordinary qualifying session, with the lead changing hand no fewer than 12 times before a full at the 45-minute mark when Alesi held the lead until Senna's beautifully timed lap on qualifying tyres.

The Brazilian led from the start, though the conditions were so changeable that he bettered his first lap, driven in the rain, by six seconds before barely nine minutes had passed. A lottery indeed, with drivers emerging out of the pit lane and into the spray of passing cars, some with grooved wet weather tyres, others on race rubber.

The cognoscenti have always said that the best days of the race are the qualifying ones. The confirmation was this session in which driver after driver bettered the previous best times. At one stage some of the young and less experienced charges from the lower regions of the grid were occupying the first ten places. Eric Burdon in the Larrousse was for a few seconds the runner-up. But then, in the space of one second,

he plummeted to ninth place. Every time either Alesi, or Prost, or Mansell took a fast lap, back came Senna, snuffing out any pretensions to the grid position he has made home from home, pole. But then Alesi got ahead and held on until a few minutes from the end when Senna, this time on qualifying tyres, of which drivers are only allowed to use two sets came out and swept all before him.

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he plummeted to ninth place. Every time either Alesi, or Prost, or Mansell took a fast lap, back came Senna, snuffing out any pretensions to the grid position he has made home from home, pole. But then Alesi got ahead and held on until a few minutes from the end when Senna, this time on qualifying tyres, of which drivers are only allowed to use two sets came out and swept all before him.

Alesi was disappointed. For once the Ferrari mechanics took a little longer than usual to set up the car for the young Frenchman's fast lap. His previous fast time had been set on race rubber. But the pretender to the king's throne looked relaxed and optimistic for the race.

His mood was echoed by the Ferrari team, who must dent McLaren's supremacy here in Interlagos if they want to be in the same ring to trade blows with the ever improving Honda engine for the rest of the season.



71 laps of 2.687 miles Total 190.807 miles

Fastest lap: Gerhard Berger 1min 19.988s - 121.087mph

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan looking to get even against Oldham

By KEITH MACKLIN

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IT WAS Bob Wilson's third last game for Arsenal and he was looking forward to bidding an emotional farewell to the old enemy at Anfield when, shortly before kick-off, Bertie Mee, the Arsenal manager, asked Wilson if he would mind standing down in favour of Jimmy Rimmer, the new signing.

Wilson was incredulous. When he asked why, he was told: "We have to know whether or not this bloke can do it, so we would like to stick him in at the Kop." It was only when time had healed Wilson's deep disappointment that he recognised the wisdom of Mee's decision. As for Rimmer, he went on to enjoy two highly successful seasons at Highbury.

It is a tale which he thinks is of particular relevance to the England situation with regard to Chris Woods, of Rangers, and David Seaman, of Arsenal, who are currently involved in a tug-of-war over the goalkeeper's jersey.

The television sports commentator-goatkeeping coach, who was Seaman's mentor for two years even before the Tottenham move to Highbury last summer, believes that the European championship qualifier against the Republic of Ireland next Wednesday at Wembley could be the right time to find out whether or not "this bloke" — Seaman — can do it.

Wilson, himself, has no doubts on that score — or "no score", as doubtless Seaman would have it. Even so, two appearances for Scotland, against Portugal and the Netherlands, were enough to advise Wilson that the international game can provide a more exacting test than that at even the highest club level.

There are exceptions, though. Like keeping goal — as Seaman had the misfortune to — against the likes of Cameroon on a February night in England when frostbitten posed more of a threat than any free-kick. "If it wasn't so ridiculous I would have been angry," Wilson said. "But we had him in at training the next day and worked his backside off."

The only other international match which Seaman has started

was not much more of an examination either — against Saudi Arabia in Riyadh two seasons ago. At least it was warmer.

There is a rumour — which Graham Taylor, the England manager, vehemently denied this week — that he has promised Woods that he will be back in goal against the Irish.

No-one in their right mind, probably not even the two players, wants a return to the kind of absurd duality which existed in the England team for some 10 years when Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence alternated in goal.

Sooner, rather than later, Taylor is going to have to find out who he prefers and that can only be done by playing Seaman in a game that matters.

Wilson believes that Taylor might have been able to arrive at that decision earlier had the previous regime's determination that Shilton should overhaul Pat Jennings' world record of 119 caps been less of an obsession.

"It became more important than the future of English goalkeeping," Wilson said. "The world record shouldn't have mattered. He (Shilton) shouldn't have played all the games that he did."

It was fundamentally wrong, Wilson said, that when Shilton retired, after putting up the best goalkeeping performances of the World Cup, his heirs apparent had started in just eight internationals, in the case of Woods, and two, in the case of Seaman.

For all their lack of international experience, though, both are goalkeepers of the highest quality. Woods is at some disadvantage playing in Scotland because he is not in the English public's eye whereas Seaman has seldom been out of it because of Arsenal's success.

The other side of that particular coin is that Seaman's quality has been examined in fine detail. He has not been found wanting, as 23 clean sheets in 39 games bears

testimony. If consistency is the key to great goalkeeping, then Seaman has unlocked the door.

According to Wilson, only Jennings, to whom Seaman is often compared, has attained greater consistency and then only in his prime. Even the legendary Irishman himself has been impressed by Seaman whom he paid a compliment as huge as those famous hands when he said: "Seaman is capable of doing the lot. As far as I'm concerned, he just doesn't make any mistakes."

Wilson reckons that of the goals Arsenal have conceded this season only two — "maybe" — were goalkeeping errors. Seaman can vividly recollect each of the 13 league goals he has conceded: seven headers, three penalties and just three shots, all inside the area. "It seems the only way anybody can beat me is to get close in," he said.

A bulk, measuring 6ft 3in and weighing 15st 1lb does not leave a lot for a poor forward to aim at. And if that is not enough to tip the scales in his favour, he has a speed and an unflappable temperament which Wilson finds particularly reminiscent of Jennings.

Arsenal have provided Seaman with the platform he has craved ever since he was asked to take his leave from the Elland Road stage eight years ago at the age of 19. His talent, if not evident to Eddie Gray, was apparent to at least one man, Bill Harvey, the physiotherapist at Peterborough United.

Seaman was little more than a makeshift in a deal which took Neil Firth, a central defender who was later to retire through injury, from Leeds to Peterborough. Harvey, who had worked with some fine goalkeepers in his time at Luton, like Ron Bayman and Jim Standen, thought he knew a good goalkeeper when he saw one.

"I've been in football 54 years and I've only ever recommended one player to the FA for representative honours — and that was David Seaman," he said.

Harvey knows who he would have in the England goal. "I've got to be careful, though, you see. I had Graham Taylor playing under me when I was manager at Grimsby and you can't kid Graham."



Safe hands: England must throw Seaman into a game that matters

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Chelsea v Southampton
Wilson deputises for Dixon, who has a hip injury, in the Chelsea side with Newton also called up. Southampton are set to recall Le Tissier and possibly Adams.

Coventry v Manchester City
Sanson makes his debut for Coventry. Cohen has recovered from a thigh strain but Hill, signed from Bury for £200,000, is doubtful with an ankle injury. Magson is another absentee.

Derby v Liverpool
Harford returns for Derby after suspension. Hooper continues in goal for Liverpool due to Grobbelaar's wrist injury.

Everton v Nottingham Forest
McCall is doubtful with a thigh injury, but Sharp and Shrewsbury return for Everton. Williams takes over from Pearce, who is suspended, in the Forest side.

Leeds v Crystal Palace
Leeds, due to play their fourth game in seven days, delay selection. Palace are unchanged.

Manchester U v Luton
United will probably start with the team that finished in France without Ince. Farrel, 21, gets the chance to establish himself in the Luton side, after the sale of

Norwich v Arsenal
Clayton has recovered from concussion and is included in the Norwich squad. Linper, Groves and Rouse will be in the Arsenal side, after Merson's injury.

Sunderland v Aston Villa
Davenport returns for Sunderland, who are without Gabbidon, due to a stomach strain and Ball, starting a ban. Daley is still not fit for Villa, who will also be without Yorkie, his deputy.

Tottenham H v QPR
Walsh and Nayn return for Tottenham. OPR give Everett, their latest signing, his first appearance at left back.

Wimbledon v Sheffield U
Pfeiffer deputises for a place in a Wimbledon side which could be unchanged. Jones, a former Don, returns for United after suspension.

Second division
Blackburn v Oldham
Moran could play for Blackburn despite sporting the usual head wound. With Dobson also suspended, Hill and Sully are drafted in as cover. Currie, who scored a brace in midweek, takes over from Moulden in the Oldham side.

Hull v West Ham
Dowds stands by to make his first appearance for West Ham even though McAviney, Clifton and Rouse are all available. Slater, however, is injured. Hull, who have conceded just two goals in the last five games, look set to keep their clean sheet at centre back, even though Wilcox could be fit.

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SUMMARY

End of an era



NOTHING has ever united the West Indies like cricket, a game in which they have been the dominant force since the mid-1970s. But after Australia's conclusive victory in the one-day series it is widely felt that the time has come to discard the old guard.

Vivian Richards, above, became the leading West Indian run scorer in the drawn first Test in Jamaica and captain's side again as the second Test opens in Guyana today. John Woodcock finds that Richards is a man under pressure in Georgetown and that his tactical appreciation will be stretched by the confident Australians. Page 38

MOTOR RACING

Home start

AYRTON Senna feels at home in Sao Paulo after setting the fastest time in first practice for tomorrow's Brazilian grand prix. Norman Howell reports on a rainy start at the Interlagos circuit. Page 40

TENNIS

New order



STEFFI Graf, above, might well reflect that someone younger and better is always coming along. Except that those sentiments were voiced yesterday by Monica Seles, who has relieved Graf of her position as world No. 1 and at 17 has four years on her side as well. Andrew Longmore reports from Florida on a case of the hunter hunted. Page 41

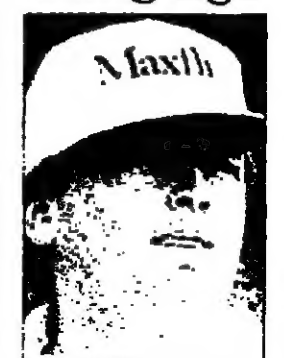
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IOC visit

FOR THE first time in 24 years, the International Olympic Committee is visiting South Africa to examine its case for re-admittance to the Olympic family. With the Barcelona Games only a year away, David Miller gauges the mood among the IOC delegates as they embark on their mission. Page 40

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Riding high



THE LURE of a place in the Ryder Cup team is spurring Steven Richardson, above, to great things on the European tour. Having finished first, second and fourth already this season, Richardson has the lead after two rounds of the Portuguese Open following a 67 yesterday.

RACING

Draw favour

SELAH, the ante-post favourite for today's William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster, is well drawn in stall four for the £50,000 handicap, the first big race of the Flat season. Page 39

Uefa introduces new format for European games

From DAVID MILLER in GENEVA

THE Dutch Football Association yesterday confirmed that it had no intention of seeking to shift the European Cup Winners' Cup final from Rotterdam, for security reasons, should Manchester United meet either Barcelona or Juventus.

For the two-legged semi-final on April 10 and 24, United were drawn here yesterday against Legia Warsaw, thereby avoiding either of the supposedly more powerful clubs from Spain and Italy. Yet it should be noted that Legia disposed of Sampdoria, the holders and Italian League leaders.

In the European Cup, Marcellus have the benefit once again of playing the first leg away from home, as against Milan in the quarter-final. Opinion circulating among Uefa committee members yesterday was that the disciplinary committee will on Wednesday probably suspend Milan for one year from European competition, and impose individual discipline upon Adriano Galliani, the club's executive chairman, following Wednesday's disgraceful behaviour in Marcellus.

Lennart Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, while not wishing to be drawn on next Wednesday's decision, said meaningfully that he expected the committee would take appropriate action. Johansson expressed the view that it was just as important that officials should be seen to behave as properly as players.

The end of Milan's attempt at a third consecutive title, and the benefits for all clubs reaching the quarter-finals, became more significant with the confirmation yesterday that, for a trial period next season, the quarter-final and semi-final stages of the European Cup will switch to a round-robin league system. The eight quarter-finalists will

be divided into two groups of four, each club playing three times home and away and the two mini-league winners proceeding to the final. The additional match will be staged on the same dates as the third round of the Uefa Cup in November and December.

Such an idea was first raised at a meeting in London 14 years ago, attended by many leading clubs and by the then secretary of Uefa, Hans Bangertner. "A good idea, but not yet," Bangertner said at the time. Progress can take a while to reach lift-off.

If nothing else, this system, though removing the traditional drama of knock-out competition, will reduce the absurd level of emotion that surrounded the Milan-Marcellus tie and precipitated Milan's wretched surrender of sportsmanship.

On the other hand, it will encourage more negative football and the pursuit of goalless draws away from home, at the expense of a search for valuable away goals.

Manchester United and their semi-final opponents were the only two of four Cup Winners' Cup clubs to bother to accept the invitation yesterday morning by the Dutch to discuss conditions for the final. Juventus and Barcelona failed to show.

Henny Smorenburg, the administrative director of the Dutch FA, outlined security and accommodation plans. I see no cause for alarm, however the finalists: the Dutch

Semi-final draws

European Cup
Bayern Munich v Red Star Belgrade
Sporting Lisbon v Middlesbrough
European Cup Winners' Cup
Legia Warsaw v Manchester United
Barcelona v Juventus
Uefa Cup
Borussia Dortmund v Roma
Sporting Lisbon v Internazionale
First-leg matches April 10, second leg April 24. First named team at home in first leg.

Safe keeping, page 41

Olympic plans are unveiled

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE London Olympic 2000 campaign yesterday unveiled its plans to bring the Games to the capital, including the provision of a 60,000-seat athletics stadium in the Docklands.

At least 15 of the 25 sports would be staged in East London, although Wembley would be used for the opening and closing ceremonies.

Richard Sumay, a board member of the London Olympic 2000 campaign, said he was confident the bid would beat off Manchester to win the British nomination when the British Olympic Association makes its choice on April 24. The International Olympic Committee will select the venue for the 2000 Games in 1993.

Sumay said: "This is the best bid this country could come up with. If everybody is

behind it — the government, the prime minister and the royal family — it will be a bid not just for London but for Britain.

"Not only would all the new sports facilities leave a rich heritage for sport, but the villages would provide housing for thousands of people with excellent supporting facilities." He was also confident that the Games would make a profit.

The plans include:
□ The athletics stadium at Silvertown, with a capacity extended to 80,000 for the Games and which would surely be of interest to the nearby football club, West Ham United, which has been actively looking to relocate its present home from Upton Park.
□ An Olympic pool at

nearby Beckton to stage the swimming, diving and water polo events;
□ Rowing and canoeing at the Royal Albert Dock;
□ Boxing at the London Arena;

□ Gymnastics and other indoor events at the London Dome, which is at the planning stage;
□ An Olympic village on the Greenwich peninsula for 16,000 competitors and officials;

□ And an Olympic "family town" at Barking Reach for journalists and other visitors to the Games.

Outside London, the yachting would be held at either Weymouth or Falmouth, the modern pentathlon at Windsor and the equestrian events at Woburn.

Save the whales with a winning team

SIMON BARNES
ON SATURDAY

Perhaps Steve Deek was sent from heaven to be this column's hero of the week. And he reaches this dizzy eminence without even being a goalkeeper. He is a motor racing driver. He is a driver for the Whale Club of the World Formula Three team. The race car will be decked out in Whale Club livery, and the team will set up Whale Club displays at every race meeting. And, lest anyone suspect a note of sordid commerce among all this high-mindedness, the advertising space on the car goes to the Whale Club free of charge.

The car will race throughout 1991 in Whale colours. "Whales and dolphins are being illegally slaughtered," Deek said. "But public awareness of this is low. Through our television racing programme, I think we can help change this."

All sports tend to introspection, and act as if the world's problems were none of their concern. Sport is all. You don't want to lose your focus by worrying about famine or whaling, now do you? Of all sports, motor racing tends to be the most insular. "Motor racing has not enjoyed an environmentally conscious image," Deek said. "I hope our initiative will help to redress this."

The loser's tale

Richard Walsley has, alas, been upstaged in his efforts to be hero of the week, but

greetings to him anyway. He is certainly goalkeeper of the week. He kept goal for Wells Cathedral School, old friends of this column, in the recent south-west choristers six-a-side tournament. Wells reached the final against Exeter, thanks in part to a sad match with the Hereford Cathedral keeper. This unfortunate songster absent-mindedly swapped back over his goal line while taking a punt out, and thus conceded a goal. Walsley did nothing so foolish in the final: he kept a clean sheet. This heroic match finished at 0-0. Exeter won. The match was decided, not on penalties but on corners. Corners Poor Walsley finished on the losing side without conceding a goal. Sport is supposed to teach you lessons about reality, and keeping goal is more instructive than any other position. You learn that life is hard. And then you lose.

Mascot madness

I am sad to have missed what must certainly have been one of the sporting events of the year — a seminar for the baseball mascots of America. It was supposed to be an educational experience for such people as the Pirate Parrot, Fred

Bird. The Bird of Baltimore Orioles, Phillie Phanatic, The Slider, Homer the Brave, The Astros Orbit, and the Mariner Moose. Be that all grown men are all grown men who prance and jiggle about at baseball matches when dressed up as anthropomorphic animals. What do these people study. I hear you ask. Playing to the crowd. Use of mime. Use of body language. Getting children involved. Dealing with obnoxious spectators.

Tom Mosser, aka the Pirate Parrot, told Sports Illustrated magazine: "It'll be kind of nice to meet other adults avoiding reality like I am." He also told of the day when he peered out at second base, an occupational hazard for a man who dresses as a parrot on a hot day. "Naturally, everyone thought it was part of the routine. I must have been out for five minutes before I got up, stumbled across the field and lay sprawled in a row of empty seats, in dire need of medical attention." He added that the fans loved it.

More on American education: Louisville, Kentucky, is the home of the Kentucky Derby. It also has a university, one that offers the following courses: "Towards a world worthy of feminist allegiance", "Beginning bridge" and "Thoroughbred handicapping". Translated from American into English, the last one means "Picking the winners of horse races". The course runs March 20 to May 15 and includes a field trip to the

Coach's daughter on a high

MARC ASPLAND



FOLLOWING in mother's footsteps: it has been quite a week for Ekaterina Roubanova at the Dewhurst international junior tennis tournament at Bisham Abbey. Roubanova is the 12-year-old daughter of Olga Morozova, a former Wimbledon singles finalist and the coach to the Rover British elite

squad, and the youngest competitor in the girls' competition. Building on her success at the 14-and-under winter series finals at Nottingham last weekend, Roubanova came through the qualifying tournament to reach the quarter-finals at Bisham, where yesterday she lost, 6-4, 6-3, to Joanne

Ward, from South Shields, who is three years her senior. It was her fifth match in four days. Victory for Ward ended foreign presence in the competition, because British players fill all eight semi-final places in the boys' and girls' singles.

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Uniformity proves elusive

By DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE a mountain of words which suggested yesterday that the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) had made progress over the amateur regulations, England's rugby players are likely to find that less than a molehill has been achieved. Where the Rugby Football Union (RFU) looked for uniformity, individual discretion — and all that that always implied — remains.

The RFU, therefore, is likely to remain as much on a limb as it was before the board's annual meeting in London this week. Albert Agar, one of its representatives, admitted as much when he said: "If England are consistent with their earlier decision they will still not implement 4-3-2."

The board has agonised this week over amateur regulations 3 and 4: the first has to do with compensation, on which front the maximum sum permitted for financial disadvantage goes up from £20 to £40 for players preparing for, and playing in, senior

representative sides. Would that regulation 4 had been as straightforward: all eight board members agreed to Scotland's amendment to the controversial clause 4-3-2 which, in its new form, enables a union "to permit communication for material benefit at any social function or gathering organised by a union, club or supporters' club provided the benefit is not related to any rugby-playing activity."

That, in effect, means a bar on players being paid for appearing at functions on match day: a covert means of paying players for playing. Not that any self-respecting team manager would encourage a player to attend such a function while preparing for an important match and, in my experience, personal appearances immediately afterwards are not in most players' thoughts.

Nor does speaking at dinners interest the players greatly. The market they wish to examine is the kind of advertising which will show both individuals and the game in a positive light.

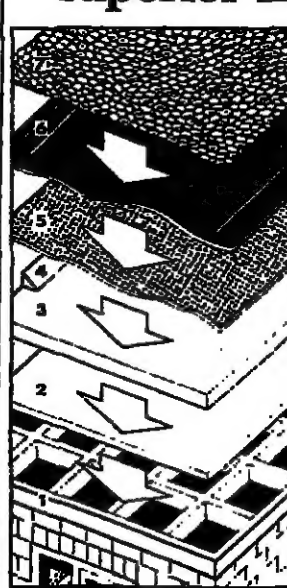
"The real cause of discord, certainly in discussions I have had, is the wording of 4-2 which relates to advertising," Brian Moore, the Harlequins and England hooker, said. "All we have ever asked is to compete on an equal footing with everyone we play against. My interpretation of a ruling body is that it sets the laws, puts them into practice and administers them fairly and evenly among its members."

However, Sir Ewart Bell, retiring chairman of the amateurism committee (that particular bed of thorns now passes to Denis Easby, of

England), reiterated: "Each union can still decide how to operate 4-3-2. We think some flexibility in the regulations is not a bad thing and takes account of different circumstances in different countries." A detailed list of permitted activities, drafted by England, will go to unions for them to determine how far they will implement the regulations. More tellingly he also said the regulations as they now stood were not the first choice of any single union, some of whom would have gone further, some not so far.

Bath out for revenge, page 40

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